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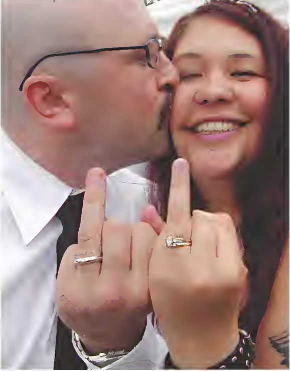

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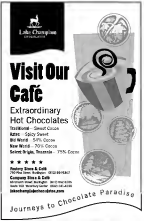
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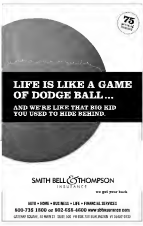
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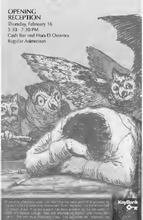

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MEN'S DOWNHILL ON THE INSIDE

The men's downhill was a strange race. When Michael Walchhofer's mistake-ridden run held up for first place for 20 racers everyone was surprised, and when Frenchman Antoine Deneriaz came down and beat him the crowd had nearly been lulled to sleep. It was only halfway down that people started to process that he might come through in the lead.

For me it was an even stranger experience. After working inside for a while, I went out to the finish along with a bunch of other writers. We threw out predictions about who would win and who should win and what the hill was like and who it favored. Some of the comments were illuminating and others flat out silly. I was surprised to learn how little some knew about ski racing.

The core group of ski writers definitely stood out from the ones who normally cover football or basketball. It made me realize that a lot of what has been written about Bode Miller came from journalists who understand little. In fact, some are even looking for a hostile angle.

When Bode came through the finish in fourth place he looked into the camera and threw up his hands. A journalist beside me said, "Did you see that? I think he just pushed away the camera." I was taken aback as that was so clearly not what happened.

Posted Feb 13 by Marina Knight

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TITS UP

Lori Lewis' argument about her breast feeding at the Flynn ["State of the Arts," February 8] is a horrible accusation and a complete distortion of the truth.

The loud and disruptive behavior was the caterwauling of her 2-year-old. I didn't take my family expecting to hear the screaming and crying of a 2-year-old. For Lori to bring that accusation is a shame. She should learn to get a sitter for events that require a child to sit down and be quiet.

There are appropriate places for a 2-year-old to listen to music, and a classical concert isn't the best venue. I recommend the [illegible] library or Betsy Green's class at Champlain Elementary School.

To slap the face of Malone, the Flynn and the VYO with a specious argument like this is a travesty.

Most parents at one time or another get up and leave a show because of their crying infant. It has happened to me more than once. I'm not happy to miss those events, but it is important to respect the group's experience. I don't understand the selfishness of this mother. Is she protecting her right to have a crying baby in a theater of people who paid to hear a world-class violinist? Is her enjoyment more important than the group's? Is that the message we teach our children? I thought that teaching went out with Barbara Bush.

Shame on you, Lori Lewis. Shame on you, *Seven Days*, for failing to do your homework. If your kid is crying or filling their diaper with a stink bomb in a theater, it's time to excuse yourself and move to the lobby.

Andrew Leith
BURLINGTON

U ARE KIDDING

I had the pleasure of attending the Vermont Youth Orchestra concert featuring Malone ["State of the Arts," February 8] in the second row. During the concert, the voices that Lori Lewis claims to have never been above a whisper were actually screams and crying by a child. I sat in disbelief that a parent would actually sit away from the aisle with a young child at a concert such as this. I have waited a long time to see Malone in concert, and was pleased that she would perform with our talented youth from around the state. As she began a solo in the slow second movement, the child in question began to scream so much that I had to cover one ear, while the conductor clearly had to look back in hope that the parent would get the message to move.

I also complained to the ushers at intermission, unaware of who the person was. In the darkened theater, neither I nor anyone else had any idea about her public breastfeeding, so this is really a non-issue used to deflect from her lack of judgment. The issue is that Lori Lewis does not have the common sense and decency to do what other parents do: either sit on the aisle or toward the back, or find a babysitter for the younger child.

Her lashing out at the press, the mayor, governor and even Malone herself is just an indication that she is so out of touch with what she had done to the rest of us. I would also like a letter from her — an apology for her insensitivity to the artists on stage, the audience and *Seven Days* for wasting so much space and Ms. Routly's writing time to spew her stupid diatribe.

David Rome
ESSEX

BERNIE BOOSTER

The recent controversy surrounding Richard Tarrant's residency and tax issues in Florida ["Inside Track," February 1] illustrates why Bernie Sanders is the only choice for United States Senator for hard-working Vermonters. While Tarrant was busy defending the "misunderstanding" that gave him $4474 in property tax relief on his $1.4 million waterfront home in Florida, Bernie was negotiating with the Venezuelan government for cheaper home heating oil for senior citizens, low-income families and homeless shelters. How could Tarrant begin to understand the needs of the middle class? Whose interests will he represent in Congress? In a state where the median household income in 2004 was only $45,692, we cannot afford to be represented by someone who could never identify with the needs of the working class.

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Maddy Posig
BURLINGTON

YOUTING TARRANT

I was recently listening to an interview that Congressman Bernie Sanders gave to Vermont Public Radio. In this interview, he implied that the upcoming Senate race between himself and Rich Tarrant was being influenced by the national Republican Party, Karl Rove and 529 organizations such as the Swiftboat Veterans. Looking beyond the Capitol Hill rhetoric at the facts, it is Congressman Sanders, not Rich Tarrant, who is plugged into the Washington money machine.

Congressman Sanders has received the vast majority of his campaign contributions from non-Vermont sources, with over $135,000 received via MoveOn.org's website in one weekend alone. With lobbying and influence-peddling becoming a major issue in Congress this year, my question to the congressman is: Why do people from California or Texas care about Vermont, and what do they want for their money?

In stark contrast, Rich Tarrant has pledged to accept no aid in any form, from the national Republican Party or special interest groups. Every dime of contributions to Mr. Tarrant's campaign comes from Vermont residents.

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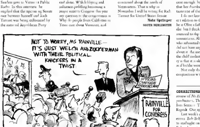
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PHOTO REALISM

I read *Seven Days* every week and really appreciate the paper's liberal stance and appreciation for good art and artists in the community. I am compelled to send you my reaction to the photograph on the cover of this week's B Section entitled "Olive's Half-time Show," which depicts a baby in a diaper standing in a chair with her shirt rolled down around her waist. The photograph in itself seems innocent enough, but the title implies that her dumbing is for the entertainment of the viewer.

I do not know the photographer's relation to the subject, whether he is Olive's father or somebody else, but I think it is extremely immoral to depict a child with these insinuations. Although the person who submitted this photo probably did not have any perverse feelings about it, the message being sent to the child molesters in the community is that it is okay to look at a child as if he/she were a sexual object.

Not only does the photo in conjunction with its title objectify "Olive," but by being published it is also sending this message to thousands of people in the community. Statistics show that once every 10 minutes a little girl is molested sexually in this country, which leaves no guarantees about the good nature or moral character of the community receiving the message depicted on this paper and how they view this message.

I remember in the *Seven Days* Sex Survey conducted in 2004, one of the questions asked the person taking the survey if one of the kinky things they liked doing sexually included "sex with a child." Although I voiced my outrage to many others in the community about this, I did not comment to you about that at the time because I saw there were others reacting to it strongly. But the publishing of messages depicting victimization of children as OK, or messages like "Olive's Half-time Show," which objectify children in a sexual way, must stop now!

Leah Sobstra
BURLINGTON

CORRECTIONS The caption on the photo accompanying last week's review of *No Exit* incorrectly identified the cast members of the theater production. The dark-haired woman is Annemieke Warle, who played Ines Serrano. The blonde is Alexandra Sevakian, who played Estelle Rigault. Our apologies.

Last week's cover story about the House of LeMay included two errors. Bob Bolyard hosts Karaoke Kapers at the St. John's Club, 8 p.m. to midnight on Fridays, not Saturdays. Much more importantly, though, Bolyard is not yet 50, as stated in the story. Bolyard writes: "I will not reach that milestone until this Sunday, the 19th, after celebrating with my friends on Saturday." We're devastated, darling.

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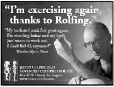
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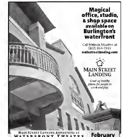
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MAYORAL CANDIDATE PROFILE
KEVIN CURLEY (R)

Curley's Cue

BY KEN PICARD

Some politicians have a litmus test to help them decide how to vote on issues. Kevin Curley, Ward 4 city councilor and the Republican candidate for Burlington mayor, uses what he calls the "Ralph Thompson" test. Thompson is Curley's 86-year-old neighbor on West Road in the New North End.

"I ask myself, 'Do I want Mr. Thompson to eat macaroni and cheese one more night a month so we can pass this tax increase?'" says Curley. "That's the bar that needs to pass."

Curley doesn't mind if people call his approach to decision making simplistic. "I'm just a regular guy. I don't know how to put that out there any more than I have," he says. "I want city government to work for all Burlingtonians."

Seven Days caught up with the mayoral hopeful and lifelong Burlington resident at his modest split-level home at 95 West Road — assessed value: $204,200 — where he lives with his wife, Kathy, a tax-credit specialist with the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, and his 15-year-old son, Casey, who attends Burlington High School. Curley's two stepdaughters, who also attended Burlington schools, have since moved away.

Curley, 43, is a tall, husky man with a boyish mop of wavy brown hair. He greets me at the door with a firm handshake, his thick fingers still ink-stained from his job as the shop supervisor at Vermont Print and Mail in Hinesburg. He's worked there for the last two and a half years. Curley's ottoman-shaped yellow Labrador, Amber, is excited to have a visitor, but is soon snoring away in the living room, where a framed painting of the Burlington waterfront hangs over the sofa.

With the election only three weeks away, Curley had just finished printing his own campaign signs and began putting them up around town. From the look of things, his campaign office is the dining room table. It's been a challenge juggling a full-time job, his City Council duties and a busy campaign schedule, he says.

Curley is a third-generation Burlingtonian. His grandmother was born and raised in a boardinghouse in the Old North End. His father served on the City Council. After graduating from Burlington High School, Curley immediately took a job at the Essex Publishing Company on North Avenue. Today he bemoans the fact that the Queen City is no longer a place where young people can learn a trade right out of high school and find an affordable place to live. "We've lost that critical piece in the city," he says.

Thus far, Curley's working-man cred has served him well in the political arena. Voters in Burlington's more conservative but largely Democratic Ward 4 elected him to two terms on the Burlington School Board in the 1990s and four terms on the City Council since 1998; in two of those council races, he ran unopposed. Curley is hoping that his passionate, shoot-from-the-hip style will lead to his first ever citywide victory — in his first bid for mayor, in 2002, against Peter Clavelle, Curley garnered 45 percent of the vote. It was the only election he's ever lost.

Though some may write Curley off as the "Joe six-pack" of City Hall, the lifelong Republican has made his presence felt on a City Council that invariably steers to the left. In the past, he's chaired the Public Safety, Policy and Charter

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KEVIN CURLEY

Change Committees. He now heads up the License Committee, which oversees cabaret and liquor licenses and outdoor entertainment permits. When he took over the post last spring, many downtown bar and tavern owners saw Curley as a welcome change over his predecessor Bill Keogh. They credit Curley with streamlining the license-review process.

Curley describes himself as a fiscal conservative who believes that city government should only be big enough to "fit the bill." During his eight years on the Council, he's shown a readiness to be the lone dissenting voice on some issues, occasionally expressing opinions that were later supported by the voters.

Asked to identify his proudest moment on the City Council, Curley cites his success in helping to defeat the intermodal transportation center that Mayor Clavelle proposed for the Burlington waterfront in 2001. Curley claims it was his op-ed piece in *The Burlington Free Press* that mobilized opposition to "that stinky, diesel-fumes-spewing bus station." Instead, Curley says the city should invest in an open-air market at that location.

Curley also takes credit for helping to defeat the measure that would have handed over the Moran Plant to the Greater Burlington YMCA. On that issue, Curley was aligned with Progressive Ward 3 councilors Tim Ashe and Phil Fiermonte. Curley and Ashe were both critical of how the city was determining the fate of this valuable waterfront property without adequate input from the public. So the two got together and hammered out a ballot question to allow Burlington voters to decide.

"Kevin and I worked closely together in what turned out to be, from the public's point of view, the correct approach," says Ashe. "I've enjoyed working with him and we've found a lot of points of agreement."

Curley claims it was his initial opposition during a late-night Council meeting, combined with an editorial he penned, that eventually led to Burlington residents overwhelmingly rejecting the move. Whether or not Curley really deserves the credit for killing the YMCA-Moran Plant plan, he was unquestionably the first councilor to publicly oppose it.

"I think Kevin showed that he's someone who really listens to the people," notes Republican Kurt Wright, Curley's fellow Ward 4 City Councilor. "As in the Moran Plant issue last year, he showed some real leadership qualities."

In keeping with his fiscal conservatism, Curley identifies the biggest miscalculation in his political career as his vote in favor of City Market moving downtown. Curley complains that the food co-op didn't live up to its initial pledge of providing $775 per year to the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, nor did it provide rebate checks to local shoppers, as originally promised. "My biggest mistake was believing what I was told without really seeking financial guarantees," he says.

Wanda Hines at the Food Shelf is far less critical of City Market. She says the store's general manager, Earl Bell, has taken steps to meet its financial obligations, including negotiating a deal that allows the Food Shelf to buy goods wholesale through the co-op's distributor. The arrangement saved the emergency pantry about $2000 in its first quarter alone.

Whether or not people agree with Curley's opinions, few would deny that he's passionate about the city. In particular, he seems to have a knack for tapping into the collective discontent, from residents' revulsion over property-tax increases to their desire for smaller government. Curley voted against the citywide indoor smoking ban, arguing that it would put Burlington businesses at a disadvantage compared to those in neighboring towns. Later, Curley voted to oppose expanding the smoking ban to private clubs, and rallied opponents of the measure to show up in force at public hearings on the issue. In his campaign for mayor, he's stated his firm opposition to a proposed local option tax.

But Curley insists he's not some knee-jerk Republican who opposes all government regulations and tax increases. He voted in favor of the livable wage ordinance and has been an ardent supporter of keeping neighborhood schools open in the Old North End. "I tend to be conservative by nature," he explains, "but that doesn't mean I don't care about the community."

Interestingly, Curley's campaign manager, Harry Snyder, is a lifelong Democrat who, until June 2005, worked as the city's human resources director under Mayor Clavelle. Curley claims he didn't even know Snyder's political leanings until after he'd joined the campaign. Not that Burlington Republicans have a deep bench to choose from. Curley's only opponent for the GOP mayoral nomination was Kevin Ryan, a 37-year-old self-employed comic book dealer whose voter registration lists his address as the Burlington emergency shelter on North Street.

In fact, during a mayoral meet-and-greet last week at the Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning

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CANDIDATE SERIES:

This is the first of three profiles on the major-party candidates running for Burlington mayor: Republican Kevin Curley, Democrat Hinda Miller, and Progressive Bob Kiss.

The order of the profiles was selected at random by the *Seven Days* editorial staff. Also in the race are independent candidates Loyal Ploof and Louie "The Cowman" Beaudin.

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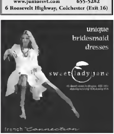
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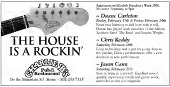
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Assembly meeting, Curley made a point of distancing himself from the Republican Party at the national level.

"I want everyone in this room to rest assured that I don't have George Bush, Dick Cheney or Donald Rumsfeld on my speed dial," Curley told the packed room, "nor has Condoleezza Rice ever called me to ask my opinion on foreign policy."

His comment got the evening's best laugh. But it was more than just a clever quip. Curley says he has no plans to accept campaign funds from the Vermont Republican Party. GOP Chairman Jim Barnett confirms that the state political organization is primarily involved in legislative and statewide elections, and generally doesn't fund local races. Lieutenant Governor Brian Dubie expressed his support for Curley during a recent radio interview, but Curley says he won't be soliciting an endorsement from his friend, Governor Jim Douglas.

Curley says his first act upon taking office would be to impose a hiring freeze on all city departments.

It's no secret that in city elections Burlingtonians tend to vote for people over political parties, a trend that has worked in Curley's favor in the past. This time around, though, that tendency could hurt Curley's chances, especially considering the number of big-money GOP supporters who have thrown their support behind his Democratic rival, state Senator Hinda Miller.

Burlington real estate mogul Ernie Pomerleau, a self-described "fiscally conservative Republican with a Democratic social core," has endorsed Miller, whom he describes as a neighbor and close personal friend. "Kevin's a really good guy," Pomerleau explains, "but I want somebody who really understands the business side of it and can balance the social fabric that's required in this community." Pomerleau sees nothing unusual about his endorsing the Democratic frontrunner; he points out that in past elections, he's backed Clavelle and Senator Patrick Leahy as well as Bush and Douglas.

Body Shop owner and longtime Republican Yves Bradley has also thrown his support behind Miller. Although Curley clearly has a lot of passion and more experience at the city level, "I think it's going to be important for us to have a mayor at the helm who has not been a part of city government for a long time," he says. "I see that as an asset, not a drawback."

Bradley adds, "I'm naive enough to believe that people can rise above their declared politics and have the best interest of the city in mind."

Curley seems unfazed that so many GOP supporters from the business community are supporting his Democratic rival. "Maybe some of my votes have alienated the Republican Party. I'm not going to apologize for it," he says. "The only thing I want is what's best for the city. And I will step into the mayor's office and owe nobody anything."

But the electoral deck will be stacked against Curley in another respect. For the first time in Vermont history, Burlington voters will have the opportunity to use Instant Runoff Voting, a system that eliminates the "spoiler candidate" phenomenon by allowing voters to rank their candidate choices in order of preference. Under the old system, a candidate could be elected to office by as little as 40 percent of the popular vote. Typically this benefited the Republican candidate in races where the liberal vote was split between the Democratic and Progressive challengers.

Curley was opposed to IRV but not because it took away his edge in the upcoming mayoral race, he says. Rather, he's concerned that the system will be too confusing for senior citizens. Curley's own second choice for mayor is Progressive candidate Bob Kiss.

Curley spends a lot of time talking about what his administration would do to provide relief for Burlington seniors. He says one of his first priorities would be to set up a senior home-retention program, which would help older residents stay in their houses. Curley says he would propose a freeze on all municipal tax increases for seniors until the sale or disposition of their property. As mayor, he knows he'd have no control over local school taxes.

"We cannot have our seniors going to the polls voting on issues and doing that solely based on whether or not they can afford it," Curley told the Ward 2 and 3 NPA. "They really need to vote based upon the merits of the issue."

Curley says he would also ask the City Council to approve a local tax credit for Project Home Share, a program that encourages young people to move in with retirees in exchange for helping out with basic household chores such as cooking, cleaning and grocery shopping. Curley's own mother-in-law has just signed up for the program. Finally, Curley says he would set up an office for seniors with the help of the nonprofit AARP to create a place for "one-stop shopping at City Hall."

Curley says his first act upon taking office would be to impose a hiring freeze on all city departments. He would require that all new prospective hires, regardless of position, be reviewed by the Board of Finance to determine whether that position is truly needed. "Hinda Miller says, 'In the first hundred days I'll get the reports from all the department heads,'" Curley says. "Well, I don't need to wait a hundred days. I've been living those reports. We can do some things right off the bat. There does need to be just a little housecleaning in City Hall."

Curley says he would pursue an ambitious policy of reducing city government spending, in part by consolidating some positions and responsibilities, in part by seeking new revenue streams. For example, Curley proposes stiffer fines for landlords who are repeatedly cited for building and safety code violations. Curley also wants the city to be more proactive in how it manages its assets, such as Memorial Auditorium.

"How does the City of Burlington lose $150,000 a year out of the Parks and Recreation budget on Memorial Auditorium? That's net loss," he says. "You find me one person in the city of Burlington who loses money on real property."

Finally, Curley says he believes the city should provide more fun outlets for teens and young adults. He says he will seek out a sponsor for a public-private partnership to build an indoor skate park and swimming pool in Leddy Park.

Although many political observers don't believe he has enough citywide support to win the mayor's office, Curley seems unperturbed. Holding the minority opinion has worked for him before. ⑦

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But as we all know, politics provides a propaganda-style mix of image and substance. It's a combination where the line between fiction and fact is often blurred or even eliminated entirely. And sometimes political campaigns go the extra mile in the name of deception. It sure worked for **George W. Bush**, eh?

That appears to be the case involving one of the new political blogs on the growing Vermont Internet stage called "Vermont Senate Race." You'll find it here: http://www.VermontSenateRace.com. The site started up in early January with this announcement from the website's unnamed administrator:

"We've done it! After much debate over the last few weeks, we have decided that we want to make this web-page a blog. What we post on here is through investigation, listening and tips we receive from you. So keep them rolling. The candidates are checking out this page; maybe you'll be as straight to them as well."

The Senate Race blog started out posting copies of Vermont news stories about the race, but this Monday it took a different twist. The anonymous administrator posted an item comparing the Tarrant Campaign blog to **Bernie Sanders**' blog, and found Bernie's lacking:

Since Tarrant's site was launched, and his blog began, he has not mentioned Sanders' name once. Sanders has had several posts that would specifically targeting Tarrant. The agreement, (in our opinion) has been broken and Sanders is the first to go negative. Is that a surprise? Not really.

If that sounds a little pro-Richie/anti-Bernie to you, you're not alone. So we did a little digging — love the Internet Age!

We learned that domain name "VermontSenateRace.com" was registered with Melbourne IT LTD, a firm with an Emeryville, California address, on October 5, 2005. Our Internet-savvy sources say it's a registry one would use if one wanted to "anonymize" ownership of the website. The purpose of an "anonymizing" service is to hide the tracks of whoever is really behind it. Anyone who signs up gets to use the Emeryville, CA post-office box as their website administrator's address.

Interesting.

Using appropriate search tools, however, we were able to find a http://VermontSenateRace.com registry page with a human name attached. The name of only one person appears: **Jeffrey Bartley**. Bartley is listed next to "Organization Name."

Bartley? Bartley? Bartley?

The name rang a bell.

Ready for this, folks? Might want to sit down first. That's because the name "Jeffrey Bartley" also appears several times in GOP Candidate Richard Tarrant's recent FEC filing. Bartley, in fact, has been a salaried employee of "Tarrant for Senate Inc." since October, receiving his first paycheck one week after the bogus, seemingly nonpartisan "Vermont Senate Race" website was registered.

In addition to salary, the Tarrant Campaign reported making a personal loan of $2000 to Mr. Bartley on December 13.

Smart political tactics, eh? Start up a phony "nonpartisan" Vermont Senate Race blog. Have a third party, i.e., campaign employee Jeff Bartley, register the blog's website in California so Candidate Tarrant's fingerprints are off it. And use the blog as one more weapon in an arsenal devoted to deceiving Vermont voters and smearing Rep. Bernie Sanders.

Brilliant strategy, Richie Rich! Quite slimy and sleazy, too. Might work in Florida, where you own two multimillion-dollar mansions and park your $158,000 Bentley, but do you really think Vermonters are that stupid?

We contacted Tarrant Campaign HQ Tuesday for comment. Campaign staffer **David Welch** told us neither Mr. Bartley nor Campaign Manager **Tim Lennon** were available for comment.

Wonder why?

Kate Goes Republican — We had it right last week, despite Campaign Manager Tim Lennon's refusal to confirm it: Democratic Gov. **Howard Dean**'s longtime closest political aide has signed up with Republican Rich Tarrant's campaign for the U.S. Senate.

Kate O'Connor, the daughter of former Democratic House Speaker **Tim O'Connor** of Brattleboro, signed on with Ho-Ho in 1989 when he was still Gov. Lite. When Gov. **Richard Snelling** died in the summer of 1991, Kate moved to the Fifth Floor with Vermont's new doctor-governor. She stayed by his side for 14 years, until his presidential quest died in the cornfields of Iowa.

O'Connor didn't respond to our inquiry until after *Seven Days* hit the street.

"I wasn't around," wrote Tarrant's newest advisor. "I knew the release wasn't going out until today, so I spent my last day of peace in peace! It didn't occur to me that anyone knew in advance. I guess I should have known that you would know."

A few seasoned Vermont political observers expressed little shock at the O'Connor news. After all, they note, Gov. Howard Dean governed like a wealthy, business-savvy Republican, so O'Connor's switch to a taller, business-savvy Republican gazillionaire isn't that much of a stretch.

However, for people who know Kate best as top aide to the charismatic, left-wing, antiwar liberal who ran for president in Howard Dean's body, news of her recruitment by Richie Rich was startling.

After all, she is going against the Vermont Democratic Party, the party Ol' Kate was born and bred in, which is already backing Mr. Sanders.

News of O'Connor's defection to a Republican stirred up a hornet's nest among old Deaniacs on the Daily Kos blog. Here are some representative comments:

If she does for the GOP guy what she did to Dean, Bernie might as well start measuring the drapes for his Senate office right now.

And:

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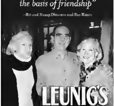

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advice he ever got. And she tried to crush every good piece of advice he ever got. This is the best news for Bernie's campaign ever. DO NOT write her and make her feel guilty. We want her on the other side! We need her on the other side! Everything she touches turns to shit. Bon Appetite!

You get the flavor, eh?

Congratulations, Kate!

Smart move, Mr. Tarrant!

Zuckerman Out — Shortly after *Seven Days* hits the street Wednesday, Progressive State Rep. **David Zuckerman** will announce at a Statehouse press conference that he will not be a candidate for the U.S. House in November.

The Burlington vegetable farmer and new dad will tell the gathering he's been carefully weighing where he can do the most good for Vermont and the answer is under Montpelier's golden dome.

The Progressive Chairman of the House Agricultural Committee will also cite the recent change in his family status. Dave the Prog's first child arrived nine weeks ago. He's experienced "amazing changes" since, changes he does not want to miss by running for Congress.

Obviously, this will be very good news for Democrat **Peter Welch**. Ol' Bernardo's designated successor. One of his biggest obstacles to reaching Victory Lane in November has just been removed.

As for Dave the Prog, this could actually help him somewhere down the line. Nice to see him thinking about the future. Somebody's got to.

Sleazy Journalism — *The Rutland Herald* and *Barre-Montpelier Times Argus*, the only daily papers in publisher **R. John Mitchell**'s little Vermont "chain," have long been the go-to papers for Vermont political news junkies. Over the years, some of Vermont's finest journalists have written for the chain, including **Steve Terry**, **Yvonne Daley**, **Jack Hoffman**, **Diane Derby**, **John Dillon**, **Debbie Bookchin** — the list goes on.

But Sunday's edition, we're sorry to say, was an utter insult to that tradition. The evidence: Vermont Press Bureau Chief **Darren Allen**'s front pager titled "The Money Game: Everybody Does It."

Here's the lead: "There is a connection between disgraced energy conglomerate Enron Corp. and Peter Welch."

Holy you-know-what! The virtuous Democratic president pro tem of the Vermont Senate and candidate for Congress has ties to Enron? Please pass the smelling salts!

Allen's "evidence" was a November fundraiser Welch held on Capitol Hill at the home of **Mark H. Gitenstein**. He's identified in the piece as "a Washington, D.C., lawyer who worked for a Chicago-based law firm that represented now-defunct accounting giant **Arthur Andersen** in oversight and regulation of the accounting profession, including issues arising from Enron's collapse."

Really?

Funny, because it sounds like the stuff GOP State Chairman **Jim Barnett** has been pitching to the press lately. The GOP defense to the ever-mounting corruption scandals, including megalobbyist **Jack Abramoff**'s guilty plea to bribing GOP congressmen, is that everyone, including Democrats, were taking dirty money.

Like thousands of Vermont readers, Welch was dumbfounded by Allen's Sunday front-page exposé. He called it "astonishing," and told "Inside Track" it appeared Allen had bought Barnett's pitch "hook, line and sinker."

"Basically what the article says is that somebody knew somebody sometime somewhere who worked at a law firm that, before this person worked at the law firm, worked for an accounting firm that at one time did work for Enron. Therefore, having contact with this person who I never met before and who didn't give me any money indicates I have some connection to Enron."

Got that?

"I would say that's pretty low journalistic standards," said Sen. Welch, "but a pretty good move from a political black-arts perspective by the Republican Party chair."

Indeed, Barnett got his "licks" in on Welch's integrity. Unchallenged. Nice work, Mad Dog!

However, one thing stood out in Darren's front pager, and it stood out like a sore thumb — no quote from the host of the Welch Capitol Hill fundraiser, the man reporter Allen portrayed as some kind of sleazy Enron-connected lobbyist.

Attorney Mark Gitenstein told "Inside Track" Tuesday he was "infuriated" by the Sunday Vermont front pager. He also said he felt "hurt" by the fact the reporter who slimed him didn't even bother to call him. Not kosher in Vermont and not kosher in D.C.

So who is Mark Gitenstein?

In an "Inside Track" interview Gitenstein told us he was a "long-time friend" of U.S. Sen. **Patrick Leahy**. He's known St. Patrick for 37 years, and worked as a staff member of the Senate Judiciary Committee for many years, where Leahy has long held a seat.

"Sen. Leahy is a friend and asked me to host the Welch fundraiser," he said. "I didn't even contribute. I had no ulterior motives." (Check http://www.mayerbrownrowe.com for more on Gitenstein.)

The fact is, his modest Capitol Hill row house was a very convenient location. Members of Congress attended including Sen. Leahy and Rep. **Rahm Emmanuel**, head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

"My son went to Middlebury," said Gitenstein. "I've spent a lot of time in Vermont. I love the state."

As for his alleged ties to Enron, ties used by Barnett and the cooperative reporter to slime Peter Welch, Gitenstein said he has absolutely no ties to Enron.

"I was not tainted by Enron," said Gitenstein. "That's malarkey. I was representing a client trying to get to the bottom of what went wrong."

That client, he said, was Arthur Andersen, the accounting giant. Gitenstein was hired to conduct an investigation of what went wrong with their Enron audits, and also to represent Arthur Andersen officials when they appeared before the Senate Financial Services Committee.

"Technically," he said, he "did not have to register as a lobbyist," but did so because he likes to err on the safe side. "When in doubt, register," he said.

One Vermonter we know who lives in that neck of the woods also attended the Welch fundraiser. She said she "almost died" reading the Sunday *Herald/TA* front-page story.

"My jaw dropped," she said. "There wasn't even a tenuous connection between Peter Welch and Enron!"

Let's hope it's not a *new* Vermont journalism trend, eh?

Media Notes — Vermont Press Bureau reporter **John Zicconi** has signed on with the Douglas administration. John was at the *Stowe Reporter* for 12 years before moving to the *Rutland Herald/Times Argus* Montpelier bureau two years ago. He'll be the new spokesman for the Agency of Transportation starting next month.

Reporter Zicconi covered health care and transportation issues.

The three-person news bureau hasn't had a female scribe since **Tracy Schmaler** left in 2003.

Lady in Red — GOP congressional candidate **Martha Rainville**'s kickoff was a little disappointing.

She looks great in red, but it's a look that reminds many of former GOP gubernatorial hopeful **Ruth Dwyer**, especially with former Ruth Dwyer groupies, State Rep. **Kurt Wright** and ex-Rep. **Frank Mazur**, positioned in the camera shot just over Marvelous Martha's shoulders.

In fact, we were surprised so few people showed up. About 100 in St. Albans Monday morning, and just 35 in Bennington that evening.

Also, Gen. Rainville's decision to stay general until April 1 is not playing well with the locals, kind of like a bad April Fool's joke. Several readers called to complain about Martha's full-speed-ahead determination to mix politics and the military.

Dumb move.

Last Word — Vice President **Dick Cheney**'s shooting of fellow quail hunter **Harry Whittington**, 78, in Texas the other day has everyone making wise cracks. The one we like best came from a Vermont Republican who requested anonymity: "Looks like we could have used him in Vietnam after all."

Cheney did not serve, beating the draft with five deferments, though he wasn't called a draft dodger.

That lack of military experience sure has shown through, eh? ⑦

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Athlete Without Compelling Personal Drama Expelled From Olympics

A member of the U.S. Olympic ski team was disqualified from competition today when it was learned that he did not have a sufficiently compelling human storyline to exploit on the NBC telecast of the worldwide sporting event.

Tom Klujan, the expelled skier, was not raised by a single mother, never had a career-threatening injury and did not overcome a personal tragedy of any kind before making the Olympic ski team, U.S. Olympic officials revealed today.

"Had Tom been involved in an organ donation, as either a donor or a recipient, that would have been acceptable to us," ski team spokesman Sandy Harnafsky told reporters. "However, he was not."

According to sources close to the ski team, Mr. Klujan had concealed the fact that he comes from an intact middle class family who never lost their home to a flood, tornado or typhoon.

But what may have sealed Mr. Klujan's doom, sources said, was his utter lack of a gravely ill family member to win a medal for.

"Tom did his best to hide his background from team officials," one source said. "But when the truth came out, he was finished."

Speaking to reporters in Salt Lake City, NBC Sports Chairman Dick Ebersol was even less charitable, terming Mr. Klujan's actions "a reprehensible betrayal."

"We do our best to check out all of the athletes to make sure that their backgrounds are full of compelling human drama, but we can't catch everything," Mr. Ebersol said. "This is a case of one really bad guy exploiting the system."

Elsewhere, scientists discovered the earliest known ancestor of Tyrannosaurus Rex at the halftime show of Super Bowl XL. ⊘

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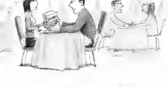

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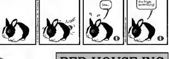

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BY JERNIGAN PONTIAC

A CABBIE'S REAR VIEW

The Healing Road

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The man hailing me from a downtown street corner was wearing a black leather cowboy hat. As I drew near, I noticed the hat had a lizard-skin band, with bone pegs holding it in place every few inches. The man's blue jeans, which appeared brand new, were neatly creased and came down over a pair of suede cowboy boots with pointed toes. His leather jacket covered a sea green shirt, unbuttoned at the top to reveal a silver-and-turquoise necklace. It was a Southwestern look that might come across as highly affected on another man, but for him it seemed just right — natural, in other words.

Pulling over and lowering my window, I asked, "Where to, buddy?"

"I'm picking up a car at Hertz at the airport."

"I'm your man," I said. He placed a small pack on the rear seat and climbed into the front with me.

"Guns N' Roses — that band had us do four complete units. Man, those fellows were a piece of work."

"Where you driving to?" I asked as we negotiated our way out of downtown traffic.

"Well, the airport," he replied, tilting his head quizzically.

"No, I mean once you get your rental car."

"Oh, I'm sorry, partner," he said, chuckling. I glanced over and noticed his clean shave. His jaw line was sharp and strong, pretty good for a guy who looked at least 60. "I'm driving up to New Brunswick to pick up a motor home, which I'm then transporting to a dealer drop outside of Philly."

"A ha," I said. "So you're a new vehicle transporter."

"Well, vehicles, yes, but only RVs and tour buses."

"That's an interesting line of work. How'd you get into it, if I may ask?"

"You sure can," he replied with an easy smile. "For years — 25, anyway — I owned a business in Albuquerque retrofitting buses for touring acts."

"That's even more interesting than driving the things. You mean you installed TVs, microwaves — that kind of stuff?"

"Let me put it this way," he said. "We get the bus as a shell and create the entire interior according to specs — sleeping quarters, kitchen, you name it."

We'd come into the university zone and the streets and sidewalks were teeming with students — talking, laughing, eating, and doing things with their cell phones that I could not imagine. *Must be between classes*, I thought.

"Well, now you got my curiosity going," I said. "What were the famous acts whose buses you created?"

"Oh, my goodness," he replied. "Who didn't we do? For starters, we outfitted Dolly Parton, Van Halen, I can't even remember 'em all. Guns N' Roses — that band had us do four complete units. Man, those fellows were a piece of work."

"Why'd you get out? It sounds like a lucrative trade, and you're not that old a guy."

"Well, thanks for that. I'm nearly 70, actually. Still feel about 40, though. And yeah, I was making good money, but working seven days a week, God knows how many hours. My wife and I retired when I turned 65. Our plans were to tour the country, really live it up. Cancer had other plans, though, and my wife passed away a couple years ago."

He told this story genuinely, matter of factly, but it was easy to see the pain that still lingered.

"Anyway," he went on, "I've just been antsy, bored out of my skull, so I started doing these transport runs last year. It's perfect for me now. I get to set the hours, the pace of work. It keeps me out of trouble, basically."

"You ever think about getting married again?"

"Funny, my kids asked me about that last time I was in town. But, I can't explain. My wife was my full partner in the business. She did the books, dealt with the suppliers. She was my best friend for 40 years. That ain't gonna happen again; that's a once-in-a-lifetime deal — *if* you're lucky. So now I just stay busy all the time. I don't like to sit around thinking about what should have been."

Arriving at the airport terminal, I drove up to the far entrance where all the car rental companies have their desks. My customer paid me and asked, "Do they have anything like a gift shop in this airport?"

"Yeah, they sure do. It's actually a pretty nice one. What, are you looking to pick up some maple syrup?"

"No, but that's not a bad idea," he replied, stepping out of the cab. "I need to get a Vermont T-shirt of some kind for my 6-year-old grandson. Whatever cities I go through, I like to pick the little guy up a T-shirt. We're good buddies, me and him."

His pale blues shone as he stood there on the curb by his opened door. I was glad to hear this decent man had a good buddy out there somewhere, if no longer a best friend. That's something we all could use now and then. ⑦

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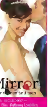

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Curses, Foiled Again Police did not take long to identify Gary Belote, 30, as their bank robbery suspect in Colorado Springs, Colo. "He robbed a bank where people knew him," Sgt. Scott Whittington said. "Everybody was like, 'Oh, that's Gary.'" The *Gazette* newspaper reported that while fleeing, Belote almost ran into Officer Eric Apodaca and Sgt. Angelo Baccerres, who found the stolen money in Belote's sock and declared, "It doesn't really get any easier than that."

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Adam Russ, 29, on his first day working at a Burger King in Grand Island, N.Y., after a cashier told them she recognized him as the man who robbed the restaurant the week before.

Spot the Irony Authorities charged two federal bureaucrats in Murfreesboro, Tenn., with taking kickbacks on the purchase of 100,000 rolls of red tape. The tape, stamped with the word "security," is affixed to prescription medicines mailed to veterans to deter tampering. U.S. Attorney Jim Vines said that Veterans Affairs workers Joseph Haymond and Natalie Coles bought the tape for $6.95 per roll, instead of the normal price of $2.50, and received kickbacks of $1 per roll.

• A federal jury awarded $3.4 million to Christine L. Boone, 44, ruling that she was fired as the head of Pennsylvania's Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services because she is blind.

Eager Beaver After a federal grand jury indicted Sarasota, Fla., dermatologist Dr. Michael Rosin on charges that he defrauded Medicare by performing unnecessary skin cancer surgeries, former employees said that he once performed skin cancer surgery after reviewing a biopsy slide that contained a piece of chewing gum, which an employee placed there after losing the skin specimen.

Second-Amendment Follies Police in Chillicothe, Ohio, reported that when Victoria Lundy, 41, was arrested and taken to the Ross County Jail, she apparently managed to smuggle a pistol into her holding cell by hiding it in her vagina. The weapon was discovered when she sat down to remove it, and it accidentally discharged. No one was injured.

Haberdashery Alert Secondary school students won't be permitted to wear denim in Western Australia state starting in 2007, because it is associated with having a good time. "It's just unacceptable at schools," a representative of state Education Minister Ljiljanna Ravlich said, "and we are trying to lift the standards."

• Sales of adult diapers in China rose as high as 50 percent in the two weeks leading up to the celebration of the lunar new year on Jan. 29. The newspaper *China Daily* explained that the increase was caused by holiday travelers taking long journeys on overcrowded trains. Trains typically sell twice as many tickets as there are seats, meaning that passengers without seats squeeze into overhead luggage racks, between cars and in the toilets. Just purchasing a ticket can mean standing in line for hours.

Hang Up and Drive After an automobile accident in Clark County, Ky., in which Jacqueline Driven veered into the median and over-corrected, rolling her truck over the guardrail and flipping several times before landing upside down, rescuers found her severed arm nearby, still clutching a cellphone.

Habeas Corpus Follies Walter Mann Sr., 69, was held in a Dallas jail for a year and three months without seeing a lawyer while he waited for a repeatedly postponed hearing on a contempt-of-court charge. Mann, who gained his release only after his cellmate told his own lawyer about the case, wound up spending more than twice as long behind bars as he would have had to if he had been convicted.

Mensa Reject of the Week Sheriff's deputies in Calhoun County, Mich., reported that a driver who became lost tried to turn around but got stuck backing into a muddy field. After several attempts to free the car, the man placed his toolbox on the vehicle's accelerator, exited the vehicle and attempted to push the vehicle free. Lt. James McDonough told the *Battle Creek Enquirer*, "The man was successful in freeing the vehicle although unsuccessful regaining control of the vehicle." The full-size Mercury sedan accelerated across a field, reaching an estimated speed of 100 mph, sometimes becoming airborne, before hitting a tree.

Spy Wars In the wake of reports that British intelligence agents used a fake rock to spy on Russia, Russian scientist Alexei Burikov announced that he has created remote-controlled turtles for spying missions. The head of the biology department at Rostov-on-Don State Pedagogical University explained that he fixed a tiny camera to the turtle's shell that could relay reconnaissance pictures and even added a device to enable a human controller to direct the turtle's movements. Burikov said that turtles could also perform such dangerous missions as placing bombs and high-tech recording devices in enemy facilities.

NIMBY Follies Fifty-four percent of the people who responded to a May 2005 Gallup poll said nuclear energy should be used to generate electricity. Sixty-three percent said that they don't want a nuclear plant built near their home.

Homeland Security The New York City Transit Authority announced that its latest measure to combat terrorism is switching to see-through trashcans at subway stops.

Bad Samaritan of the Week Rosetta Heffner, of Gary, Ind., reported that she was robbed at knifepoint while pumping gas into her church's van, but when she asked the station attendant to call police for help, he refused. "He told me to use my cell phone," Heffner told the *Merrillville Post-Tribune*. The station's manager said that he regretted the robbery but explained that clerks do not make emergency calls for fear of retaliation by criminals. "We are always helpful to the customer," the manager said, "but we have to protect ourselves." ⑦

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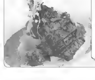

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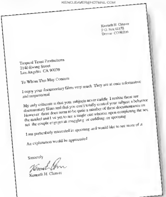

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I am particularly interested in spooning and would like to see more of it.

An explanation would be appreciated.

Sincerely

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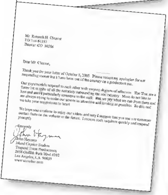

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ON THE PUBLIC USES AND ABUSES OF EMOTION

No Room at the Inn

IMAGE Jay Ericson

The cookies lay uneaten at the Lakeview Union Elementary School on Friday evening, February 3. This was no feel-good gathering.

A third of Greensboro (pop. 770, tripled in summer) was meeting representatives of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, which wants to convert the former Lakeview Inn to a residential treatment facility for eight mentally ill patients moving from the hospital to the world.

After rejecting 50 properties, NKHS was smitten by the inn — its capacious grace, broad vistas and meticulous, code-compliant historic restoration. And who wouldn't adore Greensboro, a perfect cluster of white clapboard on the shores of Lake Caspian, anchored by the grand general store Willey's?

On January 19, NKHS and the landowner agreed to terms. The next day Executive Director Eric Grims informed the selectboard. On January 24, he talked to the *Caledonian Record*, whence the rest of Greensboro found out. "There seems to be a good positive energy surrounding the project," the reporter paraphrased Grims.

He could not have been more wrong.

Letters flew to the agency's office. Lakeview neighbor Lucas Lonegren posted a blog, where information-sharing turned to fulminating, then to organizing. Lonegren deleted flames, but contributors who voiced support for NKHS were promptly denounced — or ignored.

By February 3, rage was hot. The audience fidgeted as Grims discoursed on square footage and Division Director Cathy Rousse on "inspiring creativity in people whose creativity has been thwarted."

Then it spoke.

Argument was both eminently rational and surfeited with emotion. Everyone endorsed the "concept" of community-based recovery — just someplace else in town (though no place is available) and not at Greensboro's "gateway." The next-door neighbor, a planner, pronounced the site "inappropriate," the word of the evening.

People felt blindsided, though it's hard to say they could have been told earlier.

They were outraged as taxpayers, though Grims explained that at $1.4 million, the inn is cheaper than new construction.

Some fear was bald. Warren Hill read a headline, *Man Pleads Innocent to Vermont Shooting Spree*. "Can you guarantee me that a person like this will not end up here?" he demanded.

Anger turned defiant. "You could not have chosen a worse place to try to buy," threatened Andy Dales, representing the 500-member second-home owners Greensboro Association.

Empathy swelled momentarily when Elizabeth Leopold, former attorney and daughter of Greensboro, confessed, "I'm a client of the system," with three suicide attempts and two involuntary commitments. She saw "nothing wrong" with a group home at Greensboro's gateway. Neither might others, if NKHS could deliver only patients like the patrician Liz, and not like the grizzled male stranger growling over the cookies.

Arguments contradicted each other

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The town was too rural to serve this population. But the facility should be farther outside the village — more rural.

The agency could not guarantee the town's safety. But learning that no dangerous patients would be accepted and all would be monitored 24/7 — two staff per resident — people grew suspicious: *If they're not dangerous, why so much supervision?*

A beloved building was being "taken from the community." Grams avowed that NKHS pays its taxes in every host town. Hill responded, "Sir, I do not believe it."

The meeting was billed as "informational," but few seemed eager to be informed, much less persuaded.

It would be easiest to chalk up Greensboro's reaction to fear of the mentally ill, whom many wrongly associate with violence, compounded by the pique of a moneyed summer community accustomed to getting its way. No doubt, these are in the mix.

But working-class communities also resist group homes. Institutions change neighborhoods, and nobody likes change, especially when the status quo is as copacetic as in Greensboro.

Everyone endorsed the "concept" of community-based recovery — someplace else.

What else is going on?

For one thing, democracy is frustrated. The *Caledonian* presented a done deal: the state, having screwed up in Waterbury, wants Greensboro to trust it. Greensboro would sooner trust its local government. But while Grams called the selectboard, he doesn't need its consent or, with eight residents, even a zoning variance.

Property, which ordinarily affords the summer people formidable sway over Greensboro society, now is the problem. Lake home owners once prohibited sales to Jews and other undesirables. Now faced with another perceived undesirable, they are at the mercy of one private landowner.

"A bigger social dilemma" is at play, too, comments Janice Irvine, a University of Massachusetts sociologist. "Since deinstitutionalization, people have either been dumped into the streets to become homeless or placed in community homes, which are difficult for every community. As a society, we have not found a way either to integrate or to separate out the mentally ill."

Greensboro is not letting its emotions overtake its reason. Emotions are increasingly legitimized as public argument. The president acts from his gut. Policy is mobilized by hatred — of sex offenders, terrorists, even opposing party members. Certain emotions, though, are more legitimate than others. Cynicism is called realism, while the hope and trust that Ronsse invoked are dismissed as sucker bait. "These are nice concepts," one resident told her, "but they're pie in the sky."

NKHS doesn't want to move where it's not wanted. But the state is desperate to shutter the state hospital, and another proposed facility was gunned down in Vergennes.

If it does move in, the agency promises to work with the community to find its tolerance. Some local supporters, such as physician Mark Lichtenstein and Chelsea school principal Carl Stein, have volunteered to help.

If it does move in, what might happen is what happened with civil unions, another passionately opposed change: nothing.

Or something good could happen. "I hope you will open your hearts to your unwanted brothers and sisters, your extended family," state representative and "psychiatric survivor" Ann Donahue implored at the Friday meeting.

They might not get the chance. By Tuesday, claiming to represent a majority, the selectboard wrote the health commissioner and NKHS asking them to inform Greensboro, "in writing and as soon as possible," that the plan has been abandoned.

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Winter Athletes in a Meltdown

IMAGE
Michael Tonn

Smugglers Notch is usually a fluffy, frozen meringue of a mountain in winter. But on a Saturday morning in late January, it resembled a warm brownie sundae, with streaks of snow trickling like vanilla ice cream over chocolate-brown bare patches. The parking lot was a muddy mess, and a solitary skier muttered, "Is this ridiculous or what?" Behind the ticket counter, where business should have been booming, a boy in a brown Burton sweatshirt had fallen asleep with a schoolbook in his lap.

It was as if Chicken Little had scared everyone away. But the sky wasn't falling — and that was precisely the problem. It hadn't dumped in days. Elsewhere, rivers were swollen, trails were slushy and rinks were rained out. Even though temperatures have since dropped, athletes and fitness buffs who rely on snow and ice have been grumbling about more than climate change lately.

"This weather is going to give me a coronary," says Rachael Miller, a Burlington snowkiting instructor whose business, Stormboarding, depends on storms of the snowy kind from December through April. "We need something that at least remotely resembles winter," she says.

Prior to the storm that just socked New York and Boston, but missed Vermont, it seemed that Jack Frost was vacationing out West. In Steamboat Springs, Colorado, snowpack was already at 135 percent of normal in January, leaving city officials scrambling for new places to put the snow. Utah's Alta ski area had 138 inches of snow on the ground. Stowe had 38.

Vermont's mean temperature for January was 26.2 degrees — not exactly tropical, but way balmier than the average of 5.8 degrees in January 2004. While Punxsutawney Phil may have seen his shadow on February 2, predicting six more weeks of winter, maple syrup producers began tapping their trees six weeks early, thanks to some recent 60-degree days. And last month, Middlebury College students attempted to draw attention to global warming — and its disastrous effects on the school's beloved broomball tradition — with an event called "Get Outside Week: Celebrate Winter While It Lasts." Point well taken: as slush gave way to rain, winter seemed to have vanished.

Whether global warming or just a goofy weather pattern, "It's hard to ignore," says Bill Mack, a Hinesburg hockey player who's been forced to move his games indoors. "In the 20-plus years I've been here, I don't remember the warming patterns we've seen in recent years. It's both discouraging and frightening at the same time."

Ice anglers should be spooked, too, says John Hall, an information specialist for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. "This is the wildest winter with the worst ice I've seen in 38 years," he says. "We're urging the utmost caution to anyone considering going out on the ice."

By early February, there was barely enough ice on Lake Champlain for a little

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bit of snowshoeing fun, Miller has lost plenty of opportunities for lessons. "Just the thought of going out in this weird weather turns people off," she says. "I'm usually a pretty steady girl, but I've been having a lot of unsteady moments lately."

Catamount Outdoor Center in Williston has repeatedly closed its kilometers of groomed trails. Unlike alpine areas that can actually make snow if the temperature dips below zero at night, nordic areas must bank on Mother Nature. Catamount greets visitors to its website with the message, "Hello, Desperate Winter Sports Fans!" under a string of "closed" announcements.

"In some places, whatever snow is left is pretty much ice," says Max Cobb, executive director of the New England Nordic Ski Association in Westford. "We were joking that if we could get a big Zamboni out, we could skate."

That's exactly what Janie Hess and his crew of "nordic skaters" have been doing in the Connecticut River Valley. "We've had some of the best conditions in years," says Hess, who sells skates that clip onto cross-country boots from his Nordic Skater shop in Norwich. He also helps maintain a special, 2-mile-long skating trail on Lake Morey. "As long as it drops below freezing at night, it's ideal," Hess explains. "The biggest problem we usually have is too much snow, and that problem hasn't occurred this winter. And a big lake has its own microclimate, where it can be 10 or 20 degrees colder than it is onshore."

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MAX COBB, NEW ENGLAND NORDIC SKI ASSOCIATION

Hess reports that, with cross-country skiers switching gears, the number of nordic skaters has risen this winter. Cobb's turned to mountain biking with spikes attached to their tires, and running and hiking with crampons. "We're addicted to getting outside," he says. "The Norwegians say there's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothing, and that kind of sings true right now."

At the end of January entrants in the Smugglers' Notch Primitive Biathlon nearly had to wear boots instead of snowshoes while firing their muzzleloaders, but organizer Ray Salomey gave it a positive spin. "The shooting areas and some of the trails were in pretty rough shape," he says. "But the other side of the weather coin is that folks were able to spend hours at the site without regard to the temperature — it made for a great social event."

There are 21 snow-going athletes with Vermont connections competing at the Turin Games. But could the warm winter of 2006 inspire outdoor athletes to consider a sport that doesn't rely on the white stuff? "We've been talking about going up to a curling club that's just over the Canadian border," says hockey-player Flack, whose extreme-sledding expeditions have also been wiped out by the weather. "None of us has any idea how to do the sport, but we thought it would be a great laugh to try it out. And there's a bar at the facility." Some winter pastimes never change.

It may be a moot point this winter, but rumors about the City of Burlington possibly plowing its bike path are all wet. "Nothing will happen this year," says Wayne Gross, director of Burlington Parks & Recreation. While he admits there have been discussions about clearing parts of the 7.6-mile recreational corridor, Gross points out a flurry of problematic logistics. In some sections, there would be no place to put the snow; other areas would remain icy because Parks & Rec will not spread salt so close to Lake Champlain.

But money is the biggest issue. Clearing even a couple of miles would cost at least $10,000, says Gross. He adds that if Burlington voters don't approve the 1 percent sales-tax increase in March, a smooth surface for runners, walkers and bikers will be the least of his worries. "It's hard to think about doing anything new like [plowing] the bike path when we are faced with the possibility of layoffs and such in the coming months," Gross says. Meanwhile, two-wheeler advocate Local Motion is exploring ways to plow the path — assuming the snow returns. ⑦

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On Those Danish Cartoons

Why a handful of pictures has fueled such fury

STORY
GORDON ROBISON

Remember "Piss Christ"? In case you've forgotten, that was Andres Serrano's 1987 photo of a crucifix submerged in a glass of his own urine. Two years after the photo was taken, it set off a firestorm of public controversy, particularly because Serrano was the recipient of a $15,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Alfonse D'Amato (R-New York) called it "a deplorable, despicable display of vulgarity," and tore up a copy of "Piss Christ" on the Senate floor.

About three seconds on Google will show you that Serrano's artwork has become the blogosphere's paradigm for the current furor over those Danish cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed.

But wait — let's take a look at something else Sen. D'Amato said as part of his anti-Serrano rant in May 1989:

"If this continues and if this goes unrectified, where will it end? They will say, 'This is free speech.' Well, if you want free speech, you want to draw dirty pictures, you want to do anything you want, that is your business, but not with taxpayers' money."

That controversy, in other words, was mainly about public money and whether it should be used to subsidize what many people found stupid, incomprehensible and gratuitously offensive. The fact that Serrano and "Piss Christ" had garnered a lot of praise from juries of art experts confirmed many ordinary folks' suspicion that the denizens of "high art" inhabit a weird and incomprehensible parallel universe that the rest of us would do well to avoid.

To the best of my recollection (and a Google search), no one called for Serrano's arrest or execution, nor did anyone try to burn down the galleries displaying his work. And that's why a lot of people are confounded by the uproar over the Danish cartoons. It isn't that Westerners are culturally accepting of humor that skewers religion and Muslims aren't. It's the sense that, however much we believe in tolerance and cross-cultural understanding, the television pictures of angry mobs in Indonesia, Afghanistan and Beirut portray people whose values seem to be utterly alien to ours.

One of the more measured reactions to the cartoons, after all, came from Malaysia's prime minister, who told a conference in Kuala Lumpur, "The West should treat Islam the way it wants Islam to treat the West and vice versa — they should accept one another as equals."

Pretty sensible stuff. Yet as he made those remarks, protestors outside the hall were chanting, "Long live Islam. Destroy Denmark. Destroy Israel. Destroy George Bush. Destroy America."

And now, perhaps, we've made it to the core of the issue. Notice how quickly that chant leapt from praising The Faith to demanding the destruction of both America and Israel? How did we get pulled into this? Why does anger and frustration over the drawings so readily morph into anger and frustration at America and the West generally?

Is it about Israel? Colonialism? Globalization? Iraq? Afghanistan? Bush? A huge Western plot? Corrupt local leaders? A failed local educational system? A lack of democracy? How hard it is to get visas to travel to Europe and America? How Muslim immigrants are treated once they get here?

The answer, unfortunately, is all of the above and none of the above. The debate over the cartoons has touched an unusually raw nerve in the Muslim world. It is not just that Muslim beliefs forbid any visual representation of the Prophet, or even that anger over violating that principle is new (as an article in Sunday's *New York Times* mentioned, a Washington, D.C. hostage-taking in the 1970s to protest the release of a film about Mohammed). It is the fact that this particular violation of one of Islam's core beliefs seems so gratuitous, and comes at a moment when many ordinary Muslims have bought into the idea that the West is engaged in a long-term program to abuse and humiliate them.

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It is the anger of a culture that believes fervently in its own innate goodness and universality, but finds itself overwhelmed by both the pop culture and the military power of the secular West. It is borne of a sense that the West talks about "respect" but offers little of it in return.

There is a free speech issue here, to be sure. But it's equally true that ideologues on both sides have stoked the flames in the service of their own narrow agendas. Papers that have reprinted, or even described, the cartoons have focused, laser-like, on the two most provocative drawings: the one showing the Prophet wearing a bomb-shaped turban, and the one in which he turns away suicide bombers trying to enter heaven, pleading that he has run out of virgins with whom to entertain them.

Here in the States, one rightwing website is soliciting more cartoons about Mohammed. An Iranian newspaper responded with a cartoon showing Hitler and Anne Frank in bed together, and announced a contest asking readers to submit more Holocaust-themed cartoons. Columnist Charles Krauthammer, writing in the February 10 *Washington Post*, called Muslim moderates "the mob's agents and interpreters." Protestors in London carried signs that read, "Behead those who insult Islam" and "Europe you will pay — your 9/11 is on its way!"

The governments of Syria and Egypt have egged on the controversy in order to burnish their own credentials in the face of Islamist opposition at home and to stymie the U.S.' push for political reform in the region. To the Americans they are saying, "See, if we loosen up and allow real democracy, hot-heads will take over." To those same hot-heads they are saying, "This is the free speech and democracy the West talks so much about — a license for blasphemy. Better to reject imported notions of democracy and have a strong government that enforces piety in the media."

The sad thing is that the original point the Danish newspaper tried to make was a valid one. This all began when a Danish publisher was unable to find anyone to illustrate a children's book on the Prophet precisely because illustrators feared a violent reaction if they accepted the work. In the most telling of the original drawings, the artist draws himself at his easel, looking fearfully over his shoulder as he sketches the Prophet.

And that seems appropriate because — let's all be honest now — fear is what this has been about from the beginning. Fear of Islam. Fear of the West. Fear of extremism. Fear for one's culture. Fear of change. Fear of each other. ⑦

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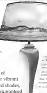

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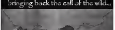

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Intermarry Me

I'm Jewish, he's not. How we learned to count our mixed blessings

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When I told my family that my non-Jewish boyfriend and I were tying the knot, my grandmother countered with an announcement of her own. "Fine," she said. "I'll just go upstairs now and kill myself."

Her reaction was dramatic, but not exactly original. For as long as lovers have been saying "I do," they've been pressured to pick partners from among their own kind. Montagues weren't to woo Capulets. Mennonites, Muslims and Mormons all encourage endogamy. Anti-miscegenation laws once criminalized cross-race unions in 30 states. My own parents' marriage was considered mixed in its day: Mom's people were Russian Litvaks, Dad's Galitzyaners, from Poland. But at least they were all Jews.

Grandma's vow to do herself in was a twist on tradition. Jewish children who "marry out" were supposed to be considered dead to their parents; they lamented the loss by sitting shiva — observing ritual mourning. My parents were having none of that. Sure, they would have preferred that I had chosen a Jew. But they liked David. And since we'd already been together four years — I'd moved 3000 miles away to live with him — they were mostly relieved that we were making it legal.

The focus now was on the details. The ceremony would take place at my family's home in New Jersey and we would cater it ourselves. I would wear the dress my mother wore as a bride. Most importantly, it would be a Jewish ceremony, complete with canopy, broken glass and rabbi.

That last detail seemed like a no-brainer. Even though my mate wasn't a member of the tribe, I still was. At least, that's how I saw it. My intention was to keep practicing my religion as before: attending synagogue a couple of times a year and celebrating Hanukkah and Passover at home. Our children would attend Hebrew school, as I had. They would be named Horowitz, rather than Christensen.

All of this was OK by David. He's the product of a mixed marriage himself. His Danish-American father was raised as a Protestant; his Parsi mother was born into the ancient Zoroastrian religion, whose members were exiled from Persia and settled in India about a thousand years ago. Although his scientist parents had brought him up pretty much religion-free and he had no interest in converting, he understood what my legacy meant to me. Plus, he liked lighting candles and eating latkes.

Negotiating these terms between the two of us turned out to be a lot easier than finding clergy to oversee our nuptials. The rabbi at my parents' Conservative synagogue was out of the question. Conservative and Orthodox rabbis are barred from performing intermarriages. They're even prohibited from attending such ceremonies, and aren't supposed to congratulate intermarried couples or their families. Clergy within the more liberal Reform and Reconstructionist movements can decide for themselves whether to bless mixed unions.

Around half do, according to the Rabbinic Center for Research and Counseling, an organization that helps mixed couples find a place within Judaism. But the RCRC's findings also show that even intermarriage-friendly rabbis have their limits. Close to 60 percent require that the couple commits to establishing a "Jewish home." More than half won't co-officiate with clergy from a different religion. And still fewer will participate if the venue is a church, or if a cross or other Christian symbol is present.

Why all this resistance? Building a lasting bond is difficult enough, opponents point out. Why add extra stressors such as differences in background and belief? Another argument is that the kids will be confused — especially if both parents are committed to their faiths. Practical considerations aside, traditional Jewish law is clear: Intermarriages aren't considered valid. Because Jewish identity passes through the mother, children whose

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fathers are Jewish and whose mothers are not have to convert in order to be considered Jews.

Visceral reactions like my grandmother's are driven by demographics. Ever since Exodus, Jews have been struggling to stay off the endangered religious species list. The Holocaust made horrifyingly real the possibility of disappearing as a people. Ironically, since the Second World War, as anti-Semitism has declined and Jews have been welcomed into more schools, neighborhoods and jobs, intermarriage rates in the U.S. have soared. Around 50 percent of Jews marrying today are getting hitched to non-Jews. And the rate is likely to increase. Studies show that Jews who "marry out" are less apt to raise their children within the religion, and those offspring more often marry non-Jews themselves.

Like other aspects of globalization, racial integration threatens cultural uniqueness. And Jews aren't the only ones sounding the alarm. Among Parsis living in the West, intermarriage rates are roughly the same as those for Jews. But the existential calculus for Zoroastrians is more dire, as a posting on zoroastrian.com points out. "The world Jewish population is about 13,000,000," the author of "Save the Parsis!" notes. "The world Parsi/Irani population is 130,000 ... *If the Jews are in grave danger due to intermarriage, what would you say about the Parsis?*"

Exacerbating the problem for Zoroastrians is their religion's tenet against conversion, and its policy of not recognizing half-Parsis such as my husband. Calls to slow the group's decline by loosening these restrictions are being hotly debated. A parallel conversation is underway within Judaism.

Organizations such as the RCRC and the Jewish Outreach Institute take an "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em" approach. The best response to the reality of intermarriage, they argue, is to make Judaism more welcoming and attractive to mixed families. Often, the make-or-break moment occurs when the wedding is being planned. Not surprisingly, interfaith couples who try to have a Jewish wedding — and succeed — are much more likely to raise their kids within the religion than those who get turned away.

To improve the odds, the RCRC maintains a list of intermarriage-friendly rabbis. For $30, you can send for a roster of 338 individuals in the U.S. Those who would rather not shell out the bucks can look online. A Google search unveils dozens of niche-market savvy clergy with websites such as interfaithrabbi.com, faithtofaithweddings.com, the euphemistic rabbinetwork.com and the all-business RabbiRentals.com. Purists may wring their hands, but intermarriage is a growth industry.

In 1981, we found our clergy through word of mouth. My parents first turned to the rabbi they'd hired for my older sister's interfaith wedding, 10 years earlier. He wasn't available. David and I weren't able to speak with the rabbi they did find until just a couple of days before the ceremony. He seemed disappointed that we hadn't written our own vows and weren't interested in incorporating any personalized rituals into the service. We just wanted him to do his thing.

We stood under a canopy of fresh flowers. We shared wine. The rabbi recited the Seven Blessings. I repeated the traditional Jewish vows in Hebrew and David recited a modified version in English. David stamped on the glass. Once the rabbi had driven off, we moved to the front steps for a Zoroastrian benediction.

David's mother and her sister had arranged a silver tray with symbols of sweetness and abundance: fruits, nuts, flowers, rock sugar, coins. His aunt made paisley patterns on the walk with white powder tapped through special tin stencils. His mother mixed red powder with water, then dipped her finger into the paste, drew vertical stripes down our foreheads and pressed rice onto the damp stripes. The blending of backgrounds felt natural and relaxed. Even Grandma — who hadn't carried out her promise after all — seemed to enjoy the day.

That ease extended into our marriage. When Sophie and Sam were born, David and I followed our original agreement. After we moved to Burlington, I joined the Conservative synagogue Ohavi Zedek. On the High Holidays, the children and I went to services there and then came home to share the festive meal with David. On Hanukkah, he coached the kids as they learned the Hebrew blessings over the candles. On Easter, I helped them hunt for hidden chocolate eggs and marshmallow peeps. They learned about God in Hebrew school, then listened as David read them a children's book arguing for atheism.

The arrangement worked well for 18 years. But we hadn't counted on a crisis. My parents

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passed away within a few years of each other and, in my grief, I turned to religion. I appreciated the community support and the structure of established ritual. The minor melodies and Hebrew words reminded me of my childhood, and felt comfortingly familiar.

My twice-a-year synagogue habit became a daily fix. Before long, I wasn't just *attending* services every day, I was *leading* them. And my increased observance spilled over into my home life. When David wanted to go shopping on Saturday afternoons, I silently resented the intrusion on my Sabbath. Although I had never kept kosher before, I surreptitiously started experimenting with not mixing milk and meat. Because I was loath to provoke a confrontation, I never discussed any of this with David. But he could see what was happening. One day he asked: "You've stopped buying pork chops, haven't you?"

I had to admit that he was right. And I wasn't just forcing my will on the family. I was reneging on my side of the bargain. But what could I do? In the 18 years since our wedding, I had changed. I found myself trapped between spirituality and my spouse — caught between the rock of being a bad Jew and the hard place of failing as a wife. If only I'd listened to my grandmother! I thought. I wouldn't be too embarrassed to say my mourning prayers aloud. During services, I gazed longingly at those congregants who attended as couples, and wished I had a Jewish husband sitting beside me, too. More and more, I started feeling like an outsider — both at the synagogue and in my own home.

It seemed like a no-win situation, but it wasn't. Ultimately the solution came from within Judaism. Rabbi Joshua Chasan at Ohavi Zedek had helped me find comfort in spiritual practice. Now he explained that the point of religion wasn't to make people slaves to ritual but to foster freedom. He stressed the Jewish concept of *shalom bayit* — peace in the home. With his encouragement, I remembered what had drawn me to David in the first place, and saw that those qualities were still there. I started dwelling less on the life I imagined I might have had and more on the one I was living. It was pretty darned good.

At the same time, I looked around the synagogue sanctuary more carefully and realized I wasn't such an oddball. Most participants came without partners. Lots of them were also sharing homes with non-Jews. And even single-religion households sometimes had their spiritual squabbles.

Couples who weather conflicts often end up stronger than before. David and I started discussing religion more openly and working together to find a new formula that would work for us both. I dropped my campaign to keep kosher and settled into a twice-weekly synagogue schedule. We began welcoming the Sabbath on Friday nights as a family — saying blessings over wine and bread, and lighting candles. David bought me special silver candlesticks and my own prayer shawl to wear during services. Although he rarely comes to synagogue, when I wrap the shawl around me, I feel his embrace.

My self-confidence as an intermarried Jew increased significantly about four years ago. I got a call from a couple asking if I could perform their wedding ceremony. She was Jewish and he was not. They wanted a Jewish wedding and hadn't had any luck connecting with the handful of clergy who officiate at intermarriages in Vermont. They'd gotten my name through a friend who knew my story, and had seen me leading services and chanting from the Torah. Although I had never performed a wedding before, I figured I could learn.

One thing I found out is that a Jewish wedding doesn't even require a rabbi. The couple essentially marries each other. Because I didn't have any legal standing with the state, we brought in a justice of the peace to sign the license and declare them united in the eyes of Vermont.

We stood under a wedding canopy in a field in Goshen, my prayer shawl fluttering in the wind. The couple shared wine. I sang the Seven Blessings. Together, they broke the glass. I looked out at the guests and there was David, cheering among the crowd. ⑦

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"We had nothing that was representative of the talent that exists in our state — nothing that did the industry justice," says publisher Krista Washburn, 30, an entrepreneurial dynamo whose personal "mission" is to make Vermont the number-one wedding destination state in the nation. Nevada currently holds that distinction, with 100,000 weddings annually; Hawaii, with 20,000, is number two.

In particular, *Vermont Vows* is striving to convince brides and grooms who don't live here that the state isn't backwoods, but slick, sophisticated and professional. "They were coming up here thinking we were country bumpkins, shucking out the cows by day, planning weddings by night," says Janet Dunnington of Manchester-based CEO Weddings. "We were sick of that. We can put on an event as well or better than any New York designer. We're trying to show the world, and all these brides: You don't need to bring in a floral designer. We have it right here."

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Love happens. And even considering the cold-feet factor, weddings are a lot more predictable than snow. Given the state of the ski slopes and the specter of global warming, Washburn thinks the bridal business is a good economic bet for Vermont. "To an extent, it's recession-proof," she notes, comparing it to the beer industry. "People are always going to get married. They're always going to spend beyond their means."

The challenge is to capture more of the out-of-state marriage market. Of the roughly 6000 hetero couples who tie the knot every year in Vermont, about a third come from elsewhere, mostly Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut and New Hampshire. These "visiting" couples typically spend more than the national average — $26,327 — getting married at places such as Trapp Family Lodge, the Grand Isle Lake House, Hildene and the Inn at the Round Barn. Sixty thousand is standard, says Dunnington, who organizes about 20 high-end flatlander weddings per year.

"As soon as they're on board with me, I give them the magazine. They get some great ideas from it," she says of *Vermont Vows*. She also lets Washburn know well in advance about really unique or over-the-top weddings for possible editorial coverage. The brides are catching on. "I've got one for next season. She said, 'I want to be in the magazine,'" Dunnington explains. "I said, 'Let's put some creative thought into it. Let's work on the styling and we'll see.'"

It's a beneficial arrangement all around: Wedding planners share their "intel" in exchange for the magazine's valuable vendor advice. The brides pull out all the stops, spending more for a chance at celebrity. The wedding photographers offer up their visuals because it's free exposure for them. Increasingly, they're focusing on Washburn's guidelines: "the detail shots," as she puts it. For example: "Some photographers don't take pictures of the

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tables before the reception. I want to see the table perfect, clean, with nothing on it before the guests come."

Advertising in *Vermont Vows* is "by invitation only." The magazine says no to out-of-state wedding professionals, and does research on unfamiliar Vermont companies before letting them in. "If they don't have a website, we call them up," says ad director Jan Jacobs, who is also the editorial voice of the magazine. The goal is to be a credible info source. "We can't say this vendor is going to do right by you, but we can say we've done some homework, and we feel the people in the magazine are quality professionals."

Not everyone can afford the ad rates — $875 for a half page, $1675 for a full — but there's a cheaper option in the "details directory" at the back. It includes an online link and product placement at the magazine's bridal shows — the first "Vermont Wedding Affair," held last November, dazzled soon-to-be-spouses with red carpet treatment, valet parking, seminars and a "couture" fashion show at the Elley-Long Music Center.

Enough advertisers have bought in to grow *Vermont Vows* from an inaugural 106 pages to 176. Washburn's goal is 200 pages. With a newsstand price of $3.95, she distributes 15,000 copies through her Vermont advertisers and via bookstores in targeted markets in Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut and New Hampshire. Ads in *Martha Stewart Weddings*, *The New York Times* and the *Boston Globe* drive traffic to the website, which hosts up to 80 visitors a day.

Washburn handcrafted the copper plaques that draw attention to the magazine at points of purchase — the publisher's equivalent of a tip handle. She also transformed the new headquarters, once a run-down brick bunker in Fort Ethan Allen, into a funky office for Jacobs, stylist Stephanie Cochran, designer Erika Hardy and herself. Postmarked wedding photos and fresh-cut flowers brighten up the space. There's a gown designed by Jeshah over here, a model of a wedding cake over there. One brightly colorful bookshelf is almost entirely devoted to unusual wedding favors.

It's clear Washburn came to *Vermont Vows* from the bride's side of the aisle. It wasn't a publishing calculation. She wound up in the wedding business through a series of marketing and event planning jobs. A native Vermonter, she grew up around the summer craft shows organized by her mother, Sally, who is now her daughter's Gal Friday and bookkeeper. Through her mom, she met the gang at Vermont Tent Company. While Kruts was getting her marketing degree at Western State College in Colorado, Vermont Tent was steadily

NUPTIALS BY THE NUMBERS

U.S.

Weddings per year:
2.1 million

"Destination weddings": 10%

Half of all adults in the U.S. are married.

More than 4.2 million unmarried couples live together.

Average wedding expenditure: $26,327

The most expensive items are the reception, at an average cost of $7630; the engagement ring at $4145; and the photography and videotaping, totaling $4570

Brides who worry about exceeding budget: 68%

Weddings paid for by the bride and groom themselves: 30%

Weddings paid for by the bride's parents: 25%

Median age for first-time brides: 25.3
Median age for first-time grooms: 26.9

Weddings performed in churches or synagogues: 80%

Brides who worry about "the party not being fun": 40%

About 50% of marriages end in divorce.

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Number of weddings in 2003: 5988
Out of state: 33.9%
Second marriage: 25.8%

Number of divorces in 2003: 2485

Number of civil unions
in 2001: 1875
in 2002: 1707
in 2003: 1337

Out of state in 2003: 90%

Cost of a marriage license: $30

Estimated annual economic impact of the bridal industry: $250 million

Vermont does not allow marriage of relatives. Relatives are defined as mother, father, grandparent, sister, brother, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew.

No one under the age of 14 may marry in Vermont. A guardian's or parent's permission is required to marry between 15 and 17.

Most popular month for weddings: August

Median length of marriages ending in divorce: 9 years, 11 months

Sources: Vermont Association of Wedding Planners, Vermont Department of Travel and Tourism, Vermont Department of Health expanding its reach in the Northeast.

After stints at Miller beer and Crested Butte Resort, and organizing the Heisman Trophy Awards, Washburn came back home and began marketing for Vermont Tent. "We started doing several coop campaigns with the Shelburne Museum, Top Notch, Jackson House. I mean, there are million-dollar weddings happening in our state," Washburn says. "Through them I realized how big the wedding industry was, and how untapped in terms of really putting a Vermont brand out there to the masses."

Because there wasn't a single publication that spoke to both local and destination couples, Washburn ended up placing ads for the company in the best bridal publications, including *Grace Ormonde*, which ultimately hired Washburn away. There she worked to create a critical mass of Vermont advertisers.

The end result? Washburn recalls, "I knew what was happening in and outside Vermont, and how unfortunate it was that our state didn't portray itself the way it was: stylish, hip, edgy, classic."

Vermont Vows aims to change that by capitalizing on the state's cachet. And Washburn believes Vermont is finally waking up "to this really huge, huge multi-million-dollar industry ... The wedding comes in and they're there for the weekend with 150 guests. Those people are going to be staying at hotels, spending money on gas, eating at restaurants, shopping. Each one of these brings in a couple of hundred thousand dollars. Multiply that by 4000. That's a lot of money."

In a state that doesn't publish wedding stats any more recent than 2003, the actual economic effects of the magazine will be difficult to measure, Washburn notes. For example, that civil unions — once the great hope of the Vermont wedding industry — have fallen off dramatically in recent years because gay marriage is possible elsewhere. She's still open to featuring one in the pages of the magazine, though, if "one comes across my desk that I like."

Anecdotal evidence suggests the magazine is catching on. "We're hearing from the wedding pros it's generating more business for them," Washburn says. "They're saying, 'I've never been this full, I'm double-booked.'" Jacobs pipes up: "We had a call from a florist saying two brides had come in that day with our magazine saying, 'This is what I want to do.'"

Does Washburn, who's single, have a vision of her own nuptials? She squeals at the thought. "We're all very jaded," offers Jacobs, now on her second marriage. "Vegas comes up a lot," Cochran promises. "If I ever get married again, I'll elope." ⑦

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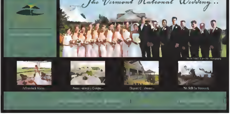
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Custom baker Arie Kidder takes the wedding cake

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When I arrive at a Burlington kitchen to watch wedding cake maker Arie Kidder, she has already baked the layers, stacked them into four tiers and frosted them. "I didn't want to make you sit through all that," she says. She's right, of course: it would have taken hours, and what I've mainly come to experience is the decorating part. That is, Arie Kidder's amazing artistry, which has quickly elevated the 31-year-old pastry chef to in-demand status for Vermont's most elegant weddings. One of her statuesque creations, bedecked with lifelike lemons, leaves and twigs made of sugar, appears on the cover of the current *Vermont Vows* magazine.

I swallow my private disappointment — I didn't get to *smell* the cake, or lick a bowl; instead my mouth begins to water as Kidder describes what lies beneath. This is a chocolate cake with a white-chocolate-flavored buttercream frosting; the four tiers are comprised of three layers each, she explains, and in between them she has spread the buttercream and fresh raspberries. The bottom and third tiers are round, the second and top hexagonal. This kind of architecture is one of her trademarks. But when I ask what sets her cakes apart, she says simply, "I like clean lines, very modern."

This from a woman who has also made cakes in the shape of a fishing creel — with a sugar trout flopping out — a wine bottle, a Victorian house, a wrapped present, and a pansy patch. Her business, after all, is custom cakes. Kidder's culinary art often reflects her recipients' own passions.

After she has stacked the tiers, Kidder will adorn this cake with buttercream snowflakes squeezed from a pastry tube. Then come the stiff sugar snowflakes, about 1 to 3 inches across, which she has also made beforehand and affixed to the tops of thin metal wires — the kind used by florists. There she will arrange in a cascading spray, making the flakes appear to float above the cake. I know this because Kidder shows me a picture of a similar earlier version — she's made flake cakes for a couple of cold-weather weddings. This one, however, is bound for the Burlington Winter Festival.

> One of my favorites: a multi-tiered model, each tier a different shape and hue, gaily detailed with dots and harlequin diamonds. This cake makes me happy just looking at it.

Kidder demonstrates how she stacks the tiers. Using a narrow wooden dowel, she pokes six holes — one in the center and five in a circle around it — all the way through the layers, then inserts plastic straws in each "tunnel." This trussing supports the tiers as she piles them up, each separated by a small round of parchment paper. "That's so they won't stick together," Kidder explains. I'm startled when she unceremoniously plops a tier on top of another — perfectly centered and with nary a crack in that oh-so-smooth frosting. *Don't try that at home*, I'm thinking. Bemused at my expression, she says with a smile, "I'm used to it."

Indeed, Kidder has lost count of how many cakes she's made, estimating simply "hundreds — though not all in Vermont." She graduated from the New England Culinary Institute nearly a decade ago, but found her pastry flour power as a child. "My grandmother had a bake shop in the Philippines," she says. "I grew up in the kitchen, and I used to make a lot of cakes."

In fact, Kidder grew up partly in the Philippines and partly in New York. Her glossy black hair and warm almond-shaped eyes announce her Asian heritage, but Kidder's accent is all-American. "I speak a little Filipino, but I don't think in it," she explains. "My main language is English."

Kidder made her first wedding cake at age 21. Sadly, her grandmother passed away before she finished NECI and launched her career. "She would have been the most proud," Kidder says. The bake shop is still in the family, however: when her parents retired to the Philippines, her father took over managing the business, and oversees the same bakers who have worked there for years. "I go back once a year to visit," she says. "So I consult."

Kidder applies buttercream snowflakes to the sides of her cake as we talk. She pauses, pastry tube in mid-air, to appraise her handiwork. "More flakes," she decides.

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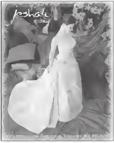

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"Are no two snowflakes alike?" I ask.

Kidder laughs. "No, never. It's a good excuse for flaws."

I find it hard to imagine this perfectionist screwing anything up, but I suppose it's possible. She begins to squeeze out pearl-sized beads to cover the small space between the tiers.

"What do you do if you make a mistake?"

"You scrape it off and start over," Kidder says, and resumes her story.

She met her husband, Gary Kidder, at NECI, though he's since left the chef business for sales. After graduation she "did the pastry circuit" in Boston, eventually landing a job at a most money-minded bakery called Cakes to Remember. Kidder stayed there three and a half years. "We won Best of Boston for wedding cakes three different years," she says with evident pride.

"I learned a lot from the owner of that shop," Kidder continues. "She'd gone to Brown and had an art degree. I learned a lot about color palettes."

Kidder's own uninhibited color sense is abundantly evident in her cake photo album, which I flip through, trying not to drool.

Kidder has also made cakes in the shape of a fishing creel — with a sugar trout flopping out — a wine bottle, a Victorian house, a wrapped present, and a pansy garden.

One of my favorites: a multi-tiered model, each tier a different shape and hue, gaily detailed with dots and harlequin diamonds. This cake makes me happy just looking at it. But one jaw-dropper is coolly monotone. Called "Blush Drape," the cake is the palest possible pink and looks as if it is swathed in velvet, its folds held in place by bunches of calla lilies and roses. All handmade, all edible. *How can anyone take a knife to these things?* I wonder.

The cake Kidder made for her own wedding might have been literally hard to cut. Named "Peace Bird House," it was three topsy-turvy asymmetric tiers with bride swan roosters perched here and there. In the photo, the birdhouse roof appears to be solid sheets of chocolate, but it was probably made of a thick sugar concoction called fondant.

Before I can ask, Kidder points out a coral-red hibiscus with green leaves that's sitting on the kitchen counter. It's a leftover from some previous cake that she's brought in to show me. "Each petal is made of gumpaste, and it's assembled with floral wire," she says. It looks good enough to eat and, in fact, one could. The paste is a sort of moldable dough made of glycerine, powdered sugar, corn syrup and a fattening agent such as shortening. "It takes time to dry, so you have time to shape it," Kidder explains. "When dry it is very brittle; you can paint it with edible colors to give it depth."

Kidder has two small children — Gian, 3 and a half, and Maya, 18 months. I ask whether she ever makes just plain old cakes for her family. "Never!" she exclaims with a grin. "People are always saying, 'Your children must have the most beautiful cakes.' We get ice cream cake."

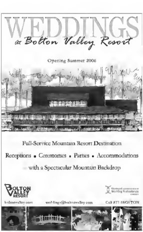
The little ones don't get to stick their fingers in the frosting, either; they're with a sitter when Kidder works in her licensed kitchen at home in Williston. That's where she launched Arie Kidder Custom Cakes in 2001 after a one-year stint at Champlain College as the assistant chef for a campus cafe. "I also taught a class in nutrition and food service for their hospitality degree," she notes. Cake making beckoned, however, and Kidder believed she could fill a niche in the Green Mountain State. "No one here was really doing what I do," she says.

Now there's more competition; Vermont's popularity as a wedding destination has soared in recent years, and along with it an upscale industry has grown. But Kidder's reputation within it seems secure, acquired primarily, she says, by word of mouth. "I don't have an advertising budget, so I'm really grateful for all the referrals from vendors," she says modestly. Even with cakes that start at $5 per person — $250 minimum — Kidder has no trouble attracting blissful brides.

Sensibly, though, she paces herself. "When I was in Boston I thought I was going to need surgery for carpal tunnel — it's a lot of work for your hands," Kidder says. "Then I was doing 14 cakes a weekend; now I only do three max. And there are not many weddings in winter, so I get to rest."

Recently, Kidder joined the Burlington catering company Market Fresh, which just last year bought Let's Pretend Catering from Barbara Bardin. It's Bardin who has loaned her kitchen for today's demonstration. "Arie is wonderful!" she shouts from the next room. "We're so happy to have her."

Kidder inserts the last sugar snowflake into her cake and steps back with a satisfied smile. "I am really lucky," she says. "I really do enjoy what I do." ⑦



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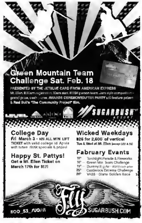

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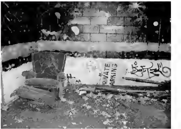

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"The Identity Project," Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts, Burlington, through February. Reception Saturday, February 18, 4-8 p.m.

Two strikingly dissimilar images by 21-year-old Geoff Davis will be among the photographs displayed as part of "The Identity Project," an unusual group show opening at the Firehouse Center this week.

One of Davis' pictures, taken in a downtown Burlington alleyway, "reminds me of a crime scene," he says. It shows a toppled "Private Parking" sign lying beside a junked armchair and other urban rubble. A cinder-block wall tagged with faded graffiti forms the ragged backdrop. "This photo reminds me of how my life has been — broken and shattered," explains Davis, who moved to Vermont a year ago from Miami, where he'd "been getting into trouble," he says.

A second photo presents a postcard-worthy glimpse of Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks shot through an opening in leafy trees. "It's me peeking out onto the world," Davis says of this grassy shot. "It shows a better space where I could go — one I'm working toward."

Davis' photos will hang at the Firehouse alongside 45 others taken by 10 young adults who are served by Spectrum Youth and Family Services and the Pearl Street Clinic. These adjacent storefronts just steps from the Church Street Marketplace are frequented daily by scores of rolling stones with no direction home. Some of the photographers, who range in age from 17 to 21, have been or currently are homeless. A few have turned to drugs and alcohol to subdue their psychological demons. Many, according to Pearl Street Clinic Director Paul Dragon, come from "atrocious family backgrounds," where they were victims of sexual abuse or other forms of violence.

"The Identity Project" was conceived as a way for youths in such circumstances to explore their past, present and perhaps future selves through photography. "Going out with a camera enables them to get pictures of themselves," Dragon says.

The effort is the brainchild of Mumu Parker, a 36-year-old University of Vermont student and photographer. Parker chose Spectrum as a site for a class assignment on teaching art at nontraditional venues. Using disposable cameras, she offered weekly instruction in composition, lighting, perspective and "how to communicate through photography."

But her work with a self-selected dozen of the kids who hang out at Spectrum's drop-in center soon became much more

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than a class assignment.

"Many people in my own life helped me out when I was younger," says Parker, a single mother. "The reciprocity of working with teens is very important to me." She wants to leave a positive mark on the young photographers "so maybe they'll be available one day to help others, too," she says.

It can be frustrating when a Spectrum client drops out of the photo project without warning, Parker says, noting, "Their lives have constant ups and downs, often unexpected." Parker herself, however, never misses a session. "I show up here every week as a way of saying 'I believe in you.'"

The project seems to be succeeding with Heather Notte, a 19-year-old homeless mother. She moved to Burlington from Rutland last summer, she says, because "I wasn't getting along with my mom." Notte's 15-month-old son remains in her mother's Rutland home.

"The photo project gives us a way to keep out of trouble," Notte says. "It's gotten me away from doing drugs and drinking." She's currently working 40 hours a week at a day-care center and as an intern at Ben & Jerry's.

Four faces of Heather will appear in the Firehouse show. A couple of them depict "the natural me," she says, while another "shows how people see me." The fourth, featuring a face-painted Notte mugging for her own camera, "is a picture of the fun-loving me."

She got involved in "The Identity Project," Notte explains, because "I enjoy capturing moments and memories and showing people what I see. I have millions of photo books. They remind me of my friends and show the changes from childhood to adulthood."

Geoff Davis has also recently gotten a job, working 40 hours on second shift as an orderly at Fletcher Allen Health Care. He'll begin an apprenticeship next month at Yankee Tattoo as well, he says. Davis is moving into his own apartment after spending months "couch surfing" — spending a night or two at a time in the living rooms of friends and acquaintances. That vagabond way of life "felt like crap," Davis admits. "I don't like asking for anything, having to borrow money. It's not how I was raised. It's not what I expected to be."

Danielle, a wispy 17-year-old who does not want her last name published, will be represented in the Firehouse show by a pair of photos taken from a vertical angle, with the camera pointed straight down at the landing of the basement steps in her parents' Champlain Islands home. One shot shows a six pack of beer alongside full bottles of wine coolers and hard liquor. In the other, the bottles are empty or absent.

"A lot of people think that what I did in the past I still do," Danielle says. "These photos are meant to show that's not so."

Danielle, who now attends the Horizons alternative school in Burlington after a long period as a dropout, will also exhibit a bifurcated shoe, the left side showing the doodled-over cover of a school notebook and the right, a blank inside page "where the future will be written," Danielle explains. "What I really want to do is go to college and become a veterinarian."

The transition out of adolescence can be difficult even in wholesome surroundings, Mimi Parker notes. "We're all looking for our personal identity, and when you're homeless it becomes that much more difficult."

Many of the 500 or so kids who use the Spectrum drop-in center each year are short on self-esteem, says Brian Plisco, 22, who manages the Pearl Street space. They may also be inwardly seething over the sneers and insults spat at them by adult passers-by offended by the sight of disheveled and pierced teens smoking cigarettes at the entrance to the Burlington Town Center.

"There are a marginalized group of kids not well understood, who are put by adults into categories where many don't actually belong," Plisco comments. "They're not being motivated to work or to stay in school. Many are shabby in their outward appearance."

Dragon adds that in a society which allocates scant resources to helping such kids, "The weakest ones have to struggle hard not to get lost or left behind. They're vulnerable to addictions. They're not able to compete like the rest of us."

For many of the young photographers, "The Identity Project" is a way to correct adult misconceptions about who they really are. "We're hoping that through 'The Identity Project' the community will get to see another side of these kids — their creative side," says Dragon.

Other young people not associated with Spectrum or the Pearl Street Clinic have also been powerfully affected by their work. Three St. Michael's College students have been accompanying photojournalism professor Jerry Swope every Friday afternoon to help Notre

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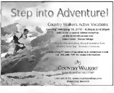
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> **DANIELLE**

Davis, Danielle and the other novice photogs learn to use digital cameras donated by St. Mike's. "We're also here to share experiences of what photography can be as a storytelling medium," Swope says.

The college volunteers, drawn from Swope's class and from the school's photography club, also work with the Spectrum participants in a well-equipped darkroom in a closet on the second floor of the building. PhotoGarden on College Street has contributed processing materials.

Swope wanted to get involved with "The Identity Project," he says, because "I thought it would be a good opportunity for St. Michael's students to connect with others around their own age who aren't necessarily like themselves." St. Mike's senior Mary Lake signed up partly for that reason. "It can be easy for college students to forget that not all their peers have the same sort of backgrounds," she says.

Despite their different cultures, the St. Mike's trio and the Spectrum photographers have clicked as a group, Lake adds. But what impresses her more is the relationship among those who use the drop-in center, which includes a kitchen, comfortable chairs and a sound system. "The kids here have formed a very strong family group," Lake observes. "They're really close with one another."

The weekly visits to Spectrum have been eye-opening for Mike Morris, a St. Mike's junior from Sutton, Mass. He says there aren't any homeless youths in his middle-class hometown outside Worcester. "I've learned as much from the people here as they've learned from me — probably more," Morris says.

Lake says a camera proved a valuable instrument for her in high school, "when I was trying to figure out who I was, who my friends were, how I fit into things." She has since carried out a photo project of sex workers in Senegal during a semester abroad, and taught photography last year at Burlington's Rock Point School. "Photography can definitely help people get to know themselves better," she says.

Some of the Spectrum youth taking part in the project have keyed completely into this method of searching for themselves, adds St. Mike's senior Sean Conley. "You can see it when we go out with them around Burlington to take shots. They're just spilling their guts with their cameras."

Those involved in "The Identity Project" say they will continue to work together on photography once the Firehouse show concludes at the end of the month. Drop-in center manager Plisco envisions converting part of that space into a gallery that could become a stop on the monthly Art Walks sponsored by Burlington City Arts.

Spectrum Youth and Family Services, which operates on a $4 million annual budget from state, federal and private sources, has an 86-person staff that oversees two group homes in Burlington and one in Castleton, as well as the drop-in center and counseling services it provides. The Pearl Street building also houses a temporary shelter where a total of 138 youth spent at least one night during the past year, according to Spectrum Director Mark Redmond. The Pearl Street Clinic is one of two facilities sponsored by the Burlington Community Health Center that offers free medical care and therapy.

"We're not only giving kids shelter and meals and laundry and phones," Plisco adds, "but we also aim to provide them with skills — transitional skills for self-sufficiency. That's what 'The Identity Project' is about. It's providing self-confidence and self-awareness as well as teaching some kids how to use a camera to express what they're feeling and thinking." ⑦

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ONE LEG AT A TIME

I've been chomping at the bit to bring this bit of news: After several rounds of intense negotiation, *Seven Days* and Higher Ground are psyched to announce the reconvening of Burlington's beloved rock mavens **The Pants** for a historic Memorial Day Weekend event.

PHOTO: MATTHEW HORSEN

The show takes place at the Higher Ground Ballroom on May 27. Depending on sales, there's the possibility of another performance the following day — be sure to buy your tickets early!

So what's the big deal about some local band getting back together? Let me fill you in.

Back in the '80s, Burlington was exploding with an incredible array of homegrown music. Downtown's Club Toast played host to the finest acts of the day, with The Pants holding court like rock 'n' roll royalty. While there were other good groups on the scene, there was little doubt The Pants were at the top of the heap. Even jam giants **Phish** were enthralled by the group's musical prowess and curious chemistry.

The fawning was deserved. The Pants were rock daredevils whose tunes were both catchy and clever. Anyone who saw the original line-up of vocalist/guitarist/songwriter **Tom "Tommy Law" Lawson,** drummer **Neil "Tad Cautious" Cleary,** guitarist **Paul "Pistol Shuman" Jaffe** and bassist **Eric "Hutch" Hutchins** can attest to the band's singular charisma.

Starting as a [illegible] home recording project between Tommy and Pistol, the group quickly evolved into a taut songwriting machine. Early classics such as "High Water Mark" and "What the Fuck Does She Want?" were soon augmented by polyrhythmic groove-bosses "All the Time, Ma" and "Never Too Late." Interlocking vocal lines, flights of fancy guitar solos, and the airtight dance rhythm section's sound made each Pants tune a mini-adventure. But it wasn't all blustery riffs and idiosyncratic lyrics; the band could pen a fine ballad as well. A perfect example is "Them Stones," a tune that dissects a dysfunctional relationship with heart-wrenching accuracy.

When the band broke up near the end of the decade, members drifted apart. Cleary spent some time living the singer-songwriter lifestyle in the Big Apple, before moving back to Vermont. In addition to writing and performing his own fine material, he also works as a percussion sideman for national acts, including songstress **Erin McKeown.** Hutchins makes his home in New York, where he works as an educator. Jaffe runs his own media production company from his San Francisco stomping grounds.

Lawson, who stayed local, is currently involved in a couple of interesting projects. His rock band **Antidote/Dictators,** trades in highly cerebral, somewhat confrontational music that sounds like a backwoods **Devo.** They'll hit the studio sometime in March.

A second outfit, **Rasco,** is of a more experimental nature. Featuring Lawson and **Clark Russell,** the group creates intense aural collages using found sounds, samples and tones as springboards for avant-garde explorations. Rasco has been around for more than a decade, and even played backstage at Phish's legendary Lemon Wheel concert.

The duo will perform "a one-time sonic happening" at the FlynnSpace on April 14. They've also been invited to compose music for choreographer **Elizabeth Streb**'s world renowned dance company. The music will be used in the troupe's mid-July performance at New York City's Lincoln Center.

So what does Lawson think about getting the old gang together one last time? "Feeling good about it," he says. "Everyone's been practicing. We're gonna rock it out."

TAKE IT TO THE STREETS

Nectar's and Club Metronome have put together a show on Wednesday, February 15, to benefit the Nectar's Street team. Called SUPPORT, the event will feature a wide variety of local talent, including **The Aztext, Burnt, [illegible] Thai Yoga Band, Jugtown Pirates** of **Lake Champlain, A-Dog** and more.

Proceeds will help the club's foot soldiers to better publicize events. Says organizer **Brent Kaufman,** "The gear they'll be getting will include new bags for their posters and flyers, and jackets and hats. We already have eight people on the street team, and we're always looking for more. They play an integral role — without them, a lot of our community wouldn't find out about shows." The party takes place upstairs at Club Metronome at 7 p.m. Admission is $5.

FEED YOUR HEAD

Popular neo-jam band **Umphrey's McGee** is teaming up with JDK Design and charity-minded live-music enthusiasts **Conscious Alliance** at the Higher Ground Ballroom on Thursday, February 16. Bring 10 nonperishable food items to the show and you'll receive a limited-edition concert poster designed by JDK's **Jonathan Sandridge.** If you space the show, you can always pick up one of the collectible prints for a $10 donation. All proceeds will go to benefit the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf. Point your browser to http://www.ConsciousAlliance.org or http://www.jdk.com for more info.

GENERATING HEAT

If you're a fan of low-power community radio, chances are you've been feverishly anticipating **105.9 WOMM The Radiator's** arrival on the dial. The joint venture between Burlington's **Big Heavy World** and the **Radio Bean Café** has been slowly coming together over the last several months. Now they're approaching the finish line.

You can help get the station on the air by attending a soirée at the Harry Hirsch Gallery at 182 South Winooski on Friday, February 17. The party kicks off at 8 p.m. with a performance by stellar blues trio the **Eames Brothers.** Refreshing drinks and hors d'oeuvres will also be served. That's beer, wine and finger food to you and me.

Tickets are $25, and will be available at the door. Until it sells out, that is.

A KIND OF HOMECOMING

Rocker **Aaron Gleason** was a familiar face on the Burlington scene a few years back. His high school band, **The Bazookas,** were one of the most popular acts of that age group, making fans with a winning combination of ska and pop-punk. After graduating, Gleason headed to Berklee College of Music in Boston, where he's been studying production and engineering.

In between classes, he finds time to perform with a new group, **medicated.kisses.** The band plays melodic goth hardcore with a few twists. Featuring a female vocalist, m.k weave through styles ranging from angst-ridden ballads to full-on metallic rockers.

MEDICATED KISSES

Things are starting to pick up for the group: they recently entered a production deal with **Michael Birnbaum** and **Chris Bittner,** who recorded prog-emo monsters **Coheed & Cambria's** most recent release. The duo has also manned the boards for legends such as **Bad Brains, King Crimson** and **Parliament/Funkadelic.**

You can catch Gleason's latest outfit on Saturday, February 18, at the Higher Ground Ballroom. The all-ages show also features Beantown rockers **Big D & The Kids Table** and **Lost City Angels,** as well as Rutland's punkers **Class Clown.** ⑦

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PINE STREET JAZZ WITH JOSY ALBRIGHT, Parima, 7 p.m. NC.
TOP HAT KARAOKE, 135 Pearl, 9 p.m. NC.
DAVE BUCKETT (jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC.
GORDON STONE (newgrass), Red Square, 8 p.m. NC, followed by **MEMBERS ONLY WITH FATTIE B.** (80s DJ), 11 p.m. NC.
BILLY CALDWELL (acoustic rock), Nectar's, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **GREYSPOKE, ROKU** (funk, jazz, jam), 9 p.m. NC/$5. 18+.
SUPPORT WITH JUGTOWN PIRATES, EDISONOSIRE, SOS, TC THAT TOGA BAND, A-GOO BURNT, THE AZTEKY, SPOOL, HOLLY MCGILL (funk rock, hip-hop, eclectic; Nectar's/Metronome street team benefit), Club Metronome, 7 p.m. $5. 18+.
OPEN MIKE WITH ANDY LUGO & DJ TRANSPLANTZ, Manhattan Pizza & Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, JP's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
CELTIC PARTY NIGHT WITH DOWN TO THE WIRE, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC.
OPEN MIKE, Geno's Karaoke Club, from 8 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

LADIES' NIGHT, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC.
CHAD HOLLISTER (pop-rock singer-songwriter), T Bones, 7:30 p.m. NC.
PAUL GEREMIA (country-blues, ragtime, jazz), Good Times Café, 8 p.m. $13.

central

BILLY CALDWELL (acoustic rock), Charlie O's, 10 p.m. NC.
OPEN MIKE WITH CAPTAIN DAN, Langdon St. Café, 7 p.m. NC.
RON WILLIAMS & FRIENDS (folk rock), Purple Moon Pub, 8:30 p.m. NC.
OPEN MIKE WITH JIM MCHUGH, Middle Earth, 8 p.m. $3.

northern

TOM LESHINSKI (slide guitar), Chow! Bella, 6 p.m. NC.
OPEN MIKE, Overtime Saloon, 9 p.m. NC.
OPEN MIKE, Monopole, 9 p.m. NC.
DAVID GILLIGAN & BEDDO WILSON (singer-songwriters), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.

THU.16

burlington area

SHANE HARDIMAN TRIO (jazz), Radio Bean, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **ANTHONY SANTOR TRIO** (jazz), 10 p.m. NC.
'80S NIGHT WITH DJ CHIA, 135 Pearl, 10 p.m. NC.
SIENTA BEATS, Miguel's Stowe Away, 10 p.m. NC.
FRIENDS OF JOE WITH DENNIS WILLMOTT & RANDY MILLER (jazz, blues), Halvorson's, 8 p.m. NC.
ELLEN POWELL & NICHOLAS CASSARINO (jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC.
JAPHY RYDER (funk, jazz, rock), Ri Ra Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
A-DOG PRESENTS, Red Square, 10 p.m. NC.
AMBER DELAURENTIS (jazz vocals), 1/2 Lounge, 8 p.m. NC.
TRIVIA MANIA, followed by **THE BIG THEORY OF REVOLUTION** (funk, rock), Nectar's, 9 p.m. NC.
ACOUSTIC LOUNGE WITH KRISTEN HOFFMAN, LOWELL THOMPSON, SYD (singer-songwriters), Club Metronome, 7 p.m. $5. 18+, followed by **RYAN POWER & THE MYSHKINS NEST MATERIAL, THE CRIPPLES** (indie rock, experimental), 10 p.m. $4.
TOP HAT ENTERTAINMENT DANCE PARTY (hip-hop, r&b DJs), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. NC.
BANG BANG WITH DJS JAH RED & DEMUS (reggae, reggaeton), Second Floor, 10 p.m. $5/NC. 18+ before 11 p.m.
C-LOW (hip-hop DJ), Ruben James, 10 p.m. NC.
GORDON STONE & JOHN MCCARTAN (newgrass), American Flatbread, 8:30 p.m. NC.
RODNEY PUTNAM (rock singer-songwriter), Upper Deck Pub, Windjammer, 7 p.m. NC.
UMPHREY'S MCGEE (jam-rock; Conscious Alliance food drive), Higher Ground Ballroom, 9 p.m. $20/23. 18+.
MADBALL, SWORN ENEMY, RIGHTEOUS JAMS (hardcore), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 7 p.m. $10/12. AA.
INTERGALACTIC TAXI (jazz fusion), Monkey House, 9:30 p.m. NC.
KARAOKE, Geno's Karaoke Club, from 8 p.m. NC.
WILX BLUES NIGHT WITH THE EAMES BROTHERS, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC.
KARAOKE WITH REX, Franny O's, 9 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

TALISMAN (rock), Bourne's, 8:30 p.m. NC.
CLINT BIERMAN WITH RUSS LAWTON (rock, funk, singer-songwriter), Two Brothers Tavern, 9 p.m. NC.

central

TRANSCONTINENTAL REVUE WITH ANAÏS MITCHELL, ROBBIE RUSCH (singer-songwriters), Langdon St. Café, 8:30 p.m. $5 suggested donation.
ROB STANNARD & FRIENDS (Delta blues harmonica), Black Door Bar & Bistro, 8:30 p.m. $3-5.
THE JEREMY & DOMINIQUE PROJECT (jazz), Purple Moon Pub, 8:30 p.m. NC.
JOHN MCEUEN, BOW THAYER (bluegrass, Americana), Middle Earth, 8:30 p.m. $25.

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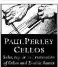
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northern

KARAOKE WITH TIM BUSSELLE, Overtime Saloon, 7:30 p.m. NC.
MARK ABAIR & THE METROS (classic rock), Sami's Harmony Pub, 9 p.m. NC.
LADIES' NIGHT WITH DJS ROBBY ROB & SKIPPY (hip-hop, R&B), Tabu Cafe & Nightclub, 8 p.m. NC.
BIG SPLINTER (mountain country, folk, blues), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.
MIGHTY BLUES WORKSHOP, Rusty Nail, 10 p.m. NC.
BILLY CALDWELL (rock singer-songwriter), Bolton Valley Resort, 8 p.m. NC.

FRI.17

burlington area

ALEX TOTH'S LAZYBIRD SEXTET (jazz), Radio Bean, 7 p.m. NC. Followed by **SLEEPAWAY** (rock), 9 p.m. NC. Followed by **BUFFALO SPRINGSTEEN** (alt-country, rock), 11 p.m. NC.
GEORGE VOLAND GROUP (jazz), Parima, 8 p.m. NC.
GLAMMOS, SWEET ASS PUSSY, SOFT SPOT (indie-rock, eclectic), 135 Pearl, 8 p.m. $5, followed by **DJS PRECIOUS & PHILLIP** (dance, house), 10 p.m. $5.
DJ COREY (hip-hop), Ri Ra Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
DAVE GRIPPO FUNK BAND, Red Square, 8 p.m. $3, followed by **NASTEE** (hip-hop), midnight. $3.
SETH YACOVONE HAPPY HOUR (blues, rock singer-songwriter), Nectar's, 7 p.m. NC. AA. Followed by **POOGIE BELL, GROUP SOUNDS** (jazz, funk, rock), 9 p.m. $3.
THE JAZZ GUYS, THE BREAKING IN (rock), Club Metronome, 9 p.m. $5.
TOP HAT DANCETERIA (DJs), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. $3.
FIESTA WITH DJ HECTOR (salsa, merengue), Second Floor, 9 p.m. $3/5. 18+, followed by **FLAVA WITH DJS DOOBIE J & TOXIC** (urban dance party), 9 p.m. $5/10. 18+ before 11 p.m.
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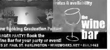

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TRISTAN PRETTYMAN, KEN TAYLOR BAND, LUKE ERIKSEN (pop, rock, singer-songwriters) Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 8 p.m. $12/14. AA.

RED HOT JUBA (eclectic Americana) Monkey House, 9:30 p.m. $3.

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KARAOKE WITH PETER BOARDMAN Backstage Pub, 9 p.m. NC.

SYUR CRAZIE (rock) Lincoln Inn Tavern, 9 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE WITH BONNIE, Ground Round Restaurant, 6 p.m. NC.

KARAOKE Gepo's Karaoke Club, 9 p.m. NC.

CLOSE TO NOWHERE (rock), Franny O's, 9 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

TOP HAT ENTERTAINMENT DJ City Limits, 9 p.m. NC.

DJ CHARLIE (rock) Reel Mill Restaurant, 10:15 p.m. NC.

central

BLUES NOIR, Charlie O's, 9:30 p.m. NC.

LIVE THEATER WITH SHODDY PUPPET SHOW Langdon St. Cafe, 7:30 p.m. Donations, followed by **DAKOTA** (hip-hop) 9 p.m. Donations.

ANDY JENKS BAND (rock) Black Door Bar & Bistro, 9:30 p.m. $3-5.

STARLINE RHYTHM BOYS (honky-tonk, rockabilly) Purple Moon Pub, 8:30 p.m. $3.

STACY EARLE & MARK STUART (country, folk), Middle Earth, 8:30 p.m. $12.

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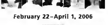

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5. Cat Power — *The Greatest*
6. Grace Potter & the Nocturnals — *Nothing But the Water*
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6. Train — *For Me, It's You*
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6. Jack Johnson — *Sing-A-Longs & Lullabies for the Film Curious George*
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JOHN CASSEL, *KIDS DIG JAZZ*

(Cassel Music, CD)

Pianist John Cassel has been a mainstay in the Vermont music scene for more than 30 years. He's also worked with national talent such as Dave Brubeck, Pat Metheny, Chick Corea, Gary Burton and Bonnie Raitt. Cassel's latest, *Kids Dig Jazz*, takes a unique approach to swing, with well-known children's songs re-imagined as frisky jazz numbers. The best part? Although the disc is intended for kids, it won't send the adults rushing from the room.

Cassel assembled a few local musicians for this, the first disc in a two-volume series. Joining him on the session are saxman Rich Davidson, trombonist George Voland, trumpeter David Ellis and guitarists Paul Asbell and Andric Maquire. The latter also engineered, mixed, and mastered the project at his Fairfield studio, West Street Digital.

Cassel has recruited some fresh talent in addition to the jazz vets. Marshfield-based Be-Bop Singers, a group of elementary- to high school-age vocalists, lend a hand on several cuts. Other contributors include flutist (and Brubeck sideman) Bobby Militello, William Galison on harmonica, Will Patton on bass and jazz percussionist Steve Wienert.

It isn't often that kids and grownups can relate to the same music, but *Kids Dig Jazz* should do the trick. The thirteen classics seem to lend themselves to Cassel's clever jazz arrangements, while his originals blend in wonderfully with the familiar favorites. Opener "Charlie Brown Theme/Do Re Mi" takes a mellow jazz approach with delicate piano and flute solos. Cassel gets playful on the "Sesame Street" staple, "Rainbow Connection," and the Be-Bop vocalizations nicely augment the big band sound of "Swinging on a Star." Throughout the recording, Cassel and his collaborators strike an easy balance between tried-and-true melodies and sophisticated jazz rhythms.

Kids Dig Jazz is a fine example of truth in advertising. It's a jazz CD of kids' songs full of youthful exuberance. Can't wait to play Volume II with my son.

JOE MILLIKEN

BLAMMOS, *IT CAN'T BE TRUE*

(Supereccentric Megawatt Studio Records, CD)

Former Burlingtonian Arthur Adams left the frozen confines of the Northeast for San Francisco several years ago. California's star and summer is a perfect fit for the songwriter, whose tunes glow with pure pop warmth. Adams' latest project, Blammos, borrows from several pop-rock traditions. The Beach Boys, Elvis Costello, They Might Be Giants and Camper Van Beethoven are all touchstones. To his credit, however, Adams transcends his influences to create a sound all his own.

Blammos' full-length debut, *It Can't Be True*, serves up 13 tuneful zingy pop numbers. Stylistically, the album is all over the place, ranging from delicate bossa nova to spiky garage rock. Trumpet, piano, ukulele, Wurlitzer organ and lap steel guitar join more conventional rock instruments in a tart musical cocktail. Although Adams had help with the album's construction, the tunes are undeniably his.

Over the years Adams has emerged as a superbly confident stylist whose rich baritone is matched by a yearning, Brian Wilson-inspired falsetto. It's a treat to hear him again.

Opener "I'm Going to Hell" toys with the concept of self identity over chiming ukulele. "Nobody calls me Art anymore / That's not all, and that's not my problem," he intones. The charmingly archaic keyboard lines on "Living With Ronald Reagan" sound a bit like vintage Cars. If they were scruffy West Coast dudes, that is. Double-time snare blasts drive the song's chorus along like steam pistons, while elegant piano colors its retro.

"Big Surprise 4" has a buoyant quality reminiscent of Ben Folds' more upbeat work. The song tells the tale of infidelity and heartache over one of the jauntiest chord progressions I've ever heard. Here, Adams flits between several musical personalities. At one moment he's an introspective balladeer, the next, a scofflaw with an axe to grind.

The album wraps up with the sprightly swing number "Farewell Q.C." Might that be the Queen City he's referring to? "Every time I fall in love it ends too soon / I'm sorry, but I really can't stay / I left you in a lurch perched in the branches of an apple tree . . . You certainly can't blame me," Adams sings, as muted trumpet conjures image of cocktails and cufflinks.

Burlington lost a true talent when Adams split for the Golden State. Luckily, he swings through our neck of the woods every so often. You can catch him twice this week — with Blammos on Friday, February 17, at 135 Pearl, and under his retired Lazy Songwriter moniker at Radio Bean on Sunday.

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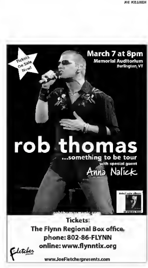

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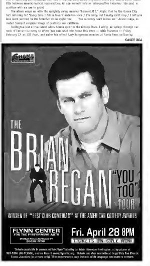

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VIP LADIES' NIGHT WITH DJ SKIPPY (top 40, r&b, reggae), Tabu Café & Nightclub, 9 p.m. NC. 18+.
THE PULSE (r&b), Rusty Nail, 10 p.m. $7.
LUCID (rock), Monopole, 9 p.m. NC.
THE BOBCATS (acoustic duo), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.
HALLMARK JAZZ QUARTET, Chow Bella, 7:30 p.m. NC.
SULTANS OF SWING (swing, boogie-woogie), Matterhorn, 9 p.m. NC.
OXO & DAVE (rock), Bolton Valley Resort, 9 p.m. NC.
PHIL HENRY (singer-songwriter), Great Adirondack Soup Company, Plattsburgh, 7:30 p.m. NC.

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burlington area

MILKMAN'S UNION (indie-rock), Radio Bean, 8 p.m. **FARM** (indie-rock), 7 p.m. **JAY EKIS** (rock, worldbeat singer-songwriter), 8:30 p.m. **MELANGE** (alt-country, indie-rock), 9:30 p.m. NC.
HOT HOUSE JAZZ, Parima, 8 p.m. NC.
DAN WILL TAYLOR, JOE KENNEDY (dance, house), 135 Pearl, 10 p.m. $5.
WILD NIGHTS (rock), Ri Ra Irish Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
ROW THAYER BAND (Americana), Red Square, 8 p.m. $3, followed by **DJ A-DOG** (hip-hop), midnight. $3.
KIP MEAKER (blues), 1/2 Lounge, 7 p.m. NC.
THE KIND BUDS HAPPY HOUR (acoustic Garcia tribute), Nectar's, 7 p.m. NC. AA, followed by **RYAN MONTBLEAU BAND, MASCEO** (funk rock), 9 p.m. $5.
RETRONOME ('80s dance party), Club Metronome, 9 p.m. $5.
MASSIVE (DJs), Rasputin's, 10 p.m. $3.
CHAMPLAIN DANCE TEAM & DJ ROB-DEE J (hip-hop, trance), Second Floor, 8 p.m. NC. 18+. $3/$7. $5 with student ID.
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VERMONT'S COMEDY DIVAS: JOSIE LEAVITT, SALLY STEVENS, MARTHA TORMEY, LISA NAGLE, Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 8 p.m. $10. 18+.
SHELLHOUSE (rock), Monkey House, 10 p.m. $3.
PUSH (rock), Park Place Tavern, 9 p.m. NC.
RHYTHM ROCKETS (rock), Lincoln Inn Tavern, 9 p.m. NC.
BLURRY (rock), Backstage Pub, 9 p.m. NC.
KARAOKE, Geno's Karaoke Club, from 3 p.m. NC.
DAN PARKS & THE BLAME (rock), Franny O's, 9 p.m. NC.

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SUPERSOUNDS DJ, Red Mill Restaurant, 10:15 p.m. NC.
CITY LIMITS DANCE PARTY WITH DJ EARL, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC.

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DAVE KELLER BAND (blues, soul), Charlie O's, 9:30 p.m. NC.
WIFFY DOBBS (bluegrass), Langdon St. Cafe, 9 p.m. Donations.
SANDRA WRIGHT & FRIENDS (soul, R&B), Black Door Bar & Bistro, 9 p.m. $5.
DAVID MURPHEY (American roots), La Brioche, 1 p.m. NC.
DJ DANCE PARTY, Positive Pie II, 10 p.m. NC. AA.
GULLY BOYS (folk), Middle Earth, 8:30 p.m. $5.
PADDY MILLS (rural groove), Purple Moon Pub, 8:30 p.m. $5.
KEB (world/art, rock), LocalFolk Smokehouse, 9 p.m. $5.

northern

PAUL DUBE (rock singer-songwriter), Overtime Saloon, 7:30 p.m. NC.
ALL NIGHT DANCE PARTY WITH DJ TOXIC (hip-hop, top 40, house, reggae), Tetris Cafe & Nightclub, 5 p.m.-4 a.m. NC. 18+.
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THE PULSE (R&B), Rusty Nail, 10 p.m. $7.
BLUE FOX (blues), Bolton Valley Resort, 9 p.m. NC.
POLYESTER ('70s funk), Matterhorn, 9 p.m. NC.

SUN.19

burlington area

OLD-TIME SESSIONS (traditional), Radio Bean, from 1 p.m. **SNAKE MOUNTAIN MOONSHINERS** (old-time), 7 p.m. **STATE STREET LIARS** (indie-folk), 8 p.m. **THE LAZY SONGWRITER** (pop-rock), 9 p.m. NC.
DJ PRECIOUS (dance, house), 135 Pearl, 10 p.m. NC.
PANACEA, INTERGALACTIC TAXI (jazz fusion), Nectar's, 9 p.m. NC.
SUNDAY NIGHT MASS WITH DEEP IMPACT (breakbeat), Club Metronome, 10 p.m. $5.
DJS BIG DOG & DEMUS (reggae, dancehall), Ruben James, 10 p.m. NC.
WNCS PRESENTS MARCIA BALL (blues, rock, R&B singer-songwriter), Higher Ground Ballroom, 8 p.m. $18/20. AA.
JOHNNY A (blues, rock, jazz guitar), Higher Ground Showcase Lounge, 8 p.m. $13/15. AA.
KARAOKE, Geno's Karaoke Club, from 6 p.m. NC.
KARAOKE WITH PETER BOARDMAN, Backstage Pub, 9 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

FRED BARNES JAZZ BRUNCH (piano), Two Brothers Tavern, 10:30 a.m. NC.

central

PARKER SHPER TRIO (jazz), Langdon St. Cafe, 8 p.m. Donations.
DOMINIQUE GAGNE (jazz), Purple Moon Pub, 8:30 p.m. NC.

northern

RUBY BAUTH (solo guitar), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.
TRAITOR'S GATE (rock), Bolton Valley Resort, 9 p.m. NC.

MON.20

burlington area

OPEN MIKE, Radio Bean, 8 p.m. NC.
GRIPPO-SKLAR QUINTET (jazz), Red Square, 10 p.m. NC.
LUCY VINCENT, OLD SILVER BAND (acoustic rock, jam), Nectar's, 9 p.m. $5/NC. 18+.
STEEL PULSE (reggae), Higher Ground Ballroom, 9 p.m. $21/23.

northern

OPEN MIKE, Sami's Harmony Pub, 7 p.m. NC.
JERRY LAVENE (jazz guitar), Chow! Bella, 7 p.m. NC.
BILLY CALDWELL (rock singer-songwriter), Bolton Valley Resort, 9 p.m. NC.

TUE.21

burlington area

GUA BUA (psychotropical), Radio Bean, 8 p.m., followed by **HONKY TONK SESSIONS**, 10 p.m. NC.
OPEN TURNTABLES, 135 Pearl, 9 p.m. NC.
DAYVE HUCKETT (solo jazz guitar), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC.
BASHMENT WITH DJS REMUS & SUPER X (reggae, dancehall), Red Square, 9 p.m. NC.
FIRE THE CANNONS (indie-rock), 1/2 Lounge, 9 p.m. NC.
MARKO THE MAGICIAN, Rasputin's, 5:30 p.m. NC.
BLUESDAY WITH THE NERBAKS, Nectar's, 9 p.m. NC.
WRUV PRESENTS MOSES MAYFIELD & KRIPDUP (funk, hip-hop, soul), Club Metronome, 9 p.m. NC.
ACOUSTIC SHOWCASE WITH JAMES HARVEY (jazz), Monkey House, 8 p.m. NC.
BLUEGRASS NIGHT WITH THE BLUE SKY BOYS, Lincoln Inn, 7 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

LADIES' NIGHT, City Limits, 7:30 p.m. NC.
PAUL GEREMIA (American roots), Good Times Cafe, 8 p.m. $10.

central

DANGEROUS LIVING (film), Langdon St. Cafe, 7 p.m. NC.
RED STATE ROAD TRIP (film), Middle Earth, 8:30 p.m. NC.
DENNIS DERRYBERRY (acoustic rock), Purple Moon Pub, 8:30 p.m. NC.

northern

CHRIS LYON (solo guitar), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC.
BEAST (rock), Bolton Valley Resort, 9 p.m. NC.

WED.22

burlington area

CHRIS O'BRIEN (singer-songwriter), Radio Bean, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **IRISH SESSIONS**, 9 p.m. NC.
PINE STREET JAZZ WITH SUSAN SQUIER, Parima, 7 p.m. NC.
TOP HAT KARAOKE, 135 Pearl, 9 p.m. NC.
PAUL ASBELL & CLYDE STATS (jazz), Leunig's, 7 p.m. NC.
ATAVISTIC ENSEMBLE (jazz), Red Square, 8 p.m. NC, followed by **MEMBERS ONLY WITH PATTIE B.** ('80s DJ), 11 p.m. NC.
LOWELL THOMPSON (alt-country, rock singer-songwriter), 1/2 Lounge, 9 p.m. NC.
BILLY CALDWELL (acoustic rock), Nectar's, 7 p.m. NC, followed by **AMITY FRONT, POSSUMHAW** (rock, Americana, bluegrass), 9 p.m. NC.
ABSINTHE MINDED LOVE, PRIMARY OTHERS (funk, rock), Club Metronome, 7 p.m. $6/NC. 18+.
OPEN MIKE WITH ANDY LUGO & DJ TRANSPLANTZ, Manhattan Pizza & Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
DAVE HARRISON'S STARSTRUCK KARAOKE, 3P's Pub, 10 p.m. NC.
CELTIC PARTY NIGHT JAM SESSION, Lincoln Inn Tavern, 7 p.m. NC.
OPEN MIKE, Geno's Karaoke Club, from 8 p.m. NC.

champlain valley

LADIES' NIGHT, City Limits, 9 p.m. NC.
CHAD HOLLISTER (pop-rock singer-songwriter), T Bones, 7:30 p.m. NC.
PAUL GEREMIA (American roots), Good Times Cafe, 8 p.m. $10.

central

REV. NATHAN BRADY CRAIN (dirty solo acoustic), Charlie O's, 10 p.m. NC.
BLUES JAM, Langdon St. Cafe, 7 p.m. NC.
ROB WILLIAMS & FRIENDS (folk-rock), Purple Moon Pub, 8:30 p.m. NC.
OPEN MIKE WITH JIM MCHUGH, Middle Earth, 8 p.m. $3.

northern

TOM LESHINSKI (solo guitar), Chow! Bella, 7 p.m. NC.
OPEN MIKE, Overtime Saloon, 9 p.m. NC.
OPEN MIKE, Monopole, 9 p.m. NC.
REV. NATHAN BRADY CRAIN (dirty solo acoustic), Bee's Knees, 7:30 p.m. NC. ⑦

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film review BY RICK KISONAK

Why We Fight ★★★★★

WAR STORY
Jarecki shines a light on the military-industrial complex that Eisenhower feared would one day dominate U.S. policy

Who knew the next Michael Moore lives just down the road a piece from Brabington, in the Mad River Valley? Eugene Jarecki (*The Trials of Henry Kissinger*) has hit the big time. His new film isn't just receiving national attention; it's being hailed in the highest circles as a great work, very probably the finest documentary the year will bring.

"Of all the incendiary left-wing, anti-Bush screeds that seem to have become the flavor of the decade in the American documentary community, Eugene Jarecki's *Why We Fight* is probably the best," writes Pulitzer Prize-winning critic Stephen Hunter in the *Washington Post*. *Vanity Fair*'s James Wolcott calls the work a "gut-punching movie which exposes the military-industrial complex's reign of fear and post-9/11 *coup d'etat*" while attributing to it the "conviction and fire power of Bob Dylan's *Masters of War*."

The raves just keep coming in. *Entertainment Weekly*, *Variety*, *Rolling Stone*, *Interview*, *Newsweek*. There was also a Grand Jury Prize at Sundance last year, and Jarecki appeared on "The Daily Show" on January 16. I think it's safe to say a star is born.

In *Bowling for Columbine* and *Fahrenheit 9/11*, Moore explored the ways fear is force-fed to Americans through the media matrix of news, entertainment, alarmist broadcasts and terror alerts, and then manipulated for political advantage. Jarecki picks up the theme and takes it a step further. The United States, his thesis asserts, is dependent upon a war economy, and the tacit role of its foreign policy is to find new enemies so we can keep fighting new wars, justify staggering military spending, and keep plants that supply the military running at full capacity.

As unthinkable a reality as that might be, the thought that it might be true — now or in the future — is traced back to someone in a position to know. Jarecki uses as a central scripture President Dwight D. Eisenhower's 1961 farewell address and his prophetic warnings about the looming specter of the "military-industrial complex," as he called it. "God help this country," the former Allied commander in Europe remarked, "when somebody sits at this desk who doesn't know as much about the military as I do."

What Eisenhower knew and lamented in private, according to his daughter Susan, was that World War II brought about an unprecedented and unholy marriage between the military and a network of corporations whose principal business was supplying it with ever more sophisticated and expensive weapons. What her father saw on the horizon was a new system geared less to national defense than the creation of a permanent war machine whose primary purpose is no longer protection but profit. In the 1960s, such notions must have smacked of paranoia. Forty years later, a government contractor is a heartbeat away from the presidency.

The writer-director has done his homework. I'm not sure I've seen a film of this kind as deeply researched and reflective of a comparably broad range of opinions. Jarecki features commentators critical of the current administration, but gives equal time to such influential insiders as Richard Perle, one of the neocons behind Bush's doctrine of pre-emptive attack, Republican Senator John McCain, William Kristol, editor of the *Weekly Standard* and head of the powerful conservative think tank Project for a New American Century, and Ken Adelman, the former arms-control director who predicted the invasion of Iraq would be a "cakewalk." The result is what "fair and balanced" is supposed to look like.

At the same time, several of the movie's most striking moments come in personal accounts offered by Americans much farther down the food chain. There's an idealistic young man who enlists in the Army after losing his mother. There are stealth-bomber pilots who dropped the bunker busters that kicked off 2003's Operation Iraqi Freedom — which missed Saddam but killed dozens of innocent men, women and children.

The heart and soul of the picture, though, is the story of retired New York City cop Wilton Sekzer, whose son died in the World Trade Center attacks. Jarecki tracks the man's personal journey from his initial desire for revenge (he arranged for the young man's name to be inscribed on a 2000-pound bomb that was dropped on Iraq) to the shock, bewilderment and betrayal he felt when President Bush later admitted at a press conference he had no evidence linking Saddam Hussein to the strike on the Twin Towers. "'I don't know where people got the idea that I connected Iraq to 9/11,'" Sekzer quotes. "Well, if he didn't have anything to do with 9/11, why're we going in there? Is he nuts or what?"

Gore Vidal has a great line in the film: "We live in the United States of Amnesia." Anyone who pays close attention to the unsettling lessons Jarecki provides in *Why We Fight* will be unlikely to forget them anytime soon.

The director will take part in a Q&A at the Roxy on February 17 & 18, following the 4 and 6:45 p.m. screenings. ⑦

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PREVIEWS

DATE MOVIE From the writer of the horror parody *Scary Movie* comes this parody of romantic comedies featuring Jennifer Coolidge, Fred Willard and Allyson Hannigan. Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer direct. (80 min, PG-13)

EIGHT BELOW In this action-adventure inspired by a true story, three sled dogs on an expedition to Antarctica must leave their team of sled dogs to survive alone for more than six months. With Paul Walker and Jason Biggs. (PG)

KIRIKOU AND THE SORCERESS Michel Ocelot directs this celebrated tale based on a traditional West African myth about a precocious newborn who sets out on a quest to free his village from a curse. (104 min, NR)

TRANSAMERICA "Desperate Housewife" Felicity Huffman plays a conservative transsexual woman who is forced to face her past when a son she never knew she fathered (Kevin Zegers) winds up in jail. With Kevin Zegers. (103 min, R)

SHORTS

ANNAPOLIS★★ James Franco, Tyrese Gibson and Donnie Wahlberg signed on for this drama about young men struggling to become Naval officers at the prestigious, ultra-demanding, 157-year-old institution. Directed by Justin Lin. (104 min, PG-13)

BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2★★ Released just a few weeks too late to qualify for Oscar consideration, this sequel has Martin Lawrence reprising the role of an FBI agent who goes undercover as an overweight, elderly woman. Nia Long costars. John Whitesell directs. (99 min, PG-13)

BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN★★★★1/2 Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal do some of the finest work of their careers in Ang Lee's affecting adaptation of Annie Proulx's short story about a pair of ranch hands who fall in love. Also starring Michelle Williams and Anne Hathaway. (134 min, R)

CAPOTE★★★★1/2 Philip Seymour Hoffman disappears into the role of writer-socialite Truman Capote in this biopic, which focuses on the years when the author wrote *In Cold Blood*. Catherine Keener costars. Bennett Miller directs. (98 min, R)

CURIOUS GEORGE★★★ Director Matthew O'Callaghan brings the beloved children's series to the big screen with a little help from Will Ferrell, Joan Plowright, David Cross and Eugene Levy. (87 min, G)

FINAL DESTINATION 3★★ Set six years after the original film, this sequel centers around a high school student who has a premonition of a fatal roller coaster accident. Featuring Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ryan Merriman and Kris Lemche. Directed by James Wong. (92 min, R)

SHORTS >> 61A

RATINGS

★ = refund, please
★★ = could've been worse, but not a lot
★★★ = has its moments, so-so
★★★★ = smarter than the average bear
★★★★★ = as good as it gets

Ratings assigned to movies not reviewed by Rick Kisonak are courtesy of Metacritic.com, which averages scores given by the country's most widely read reviewers (Rick included).

flick chick BY SUSAN GREEN

SHORT TAKES ON THE REEL WORLD

Fight Club

As a strategy for building troop morale in World War II, General Dwight Eisenhower advised: "What the boys need most are movies and more movies." In the twilight of his presidency two decades later, he told the nation to "guard against unwarranted influence by the military-industrial complex." **Eugene Jarecki** uses the latter comments as the touchstone of ***Why We Fight***, opening this weekend at the Roxy in Burlington. The Mad River Valley filmmaker would surely agree that everyone needs movies, particularly those with provocative ideas and riveting images.

The title of his 90-minute documentary is borrowed from a series of patriotic films created by Hollywood legend Frank Capra for the Army; each one explained a different aspect of America's participation in the global hostilities.

In terms of its sensibility, Jarecki's *Why We Fight* also has much in common with *The Battle of San Pietro* by John Huston. The gritty 1944 combat doc was shot at the behest of the Pentagon, which then banned the finished film for conveying an antiwar message. The maverick director's response: "Whenever I make a picture that's for war, I hope you take me out and shoot me."

Jarecki, 36, examines the legacy of "politics with bloodshed," as warfare has often been described. "Frank Capra lived in a time of real idealism," he says, during a 2005 interview. "But America as a beacon may have been eclipsed by our role as an empire. Capra would be concerned."

In addition to archival footage, Jarecki employs talking heads to reflect a range of viewpoints, from neocon hawk Richard Perle to peacenik author Gore Vidal — who notes that the country has become "the United States of Amnesia." Members of the Eisenhower family weigh in against runaway militarism.

The emotional core of *Why We Fight* concerns Wilton Sekzer, whose son Jason was killed in the World Trade Center on 9/11. After Bush linked Saddam to the attacks, this Vietnam vet and former NYPD cop arranged for Jason's name to be inscribed on one of the bombs raining down on Baghdad.

But Sekzer later acknowledges feeling betrayed when the White House began distancing itself from the spurious suggestion of Iraqi involvement. This proves to be a fortuitous development for a film about jingoism. "I didn't know where it would go when I began the interview with him," says Jarecki, who will answer audience questions at Roxy screenings on Friday and Saturday nights.

He's likely to offer an unflinching assessment. "The arms industry corrupts the democratic process," Jarecki contends. "Ike sensed a danger to the Republic itself. If we continue to concentrate power in the corporate sector, we'll have one senseless war after another."

Burlington may seem like more of a pacifist Mecca than ever this weekend. ***After the Fog***, another consideration of U.S. conflicts, unspools at City Hall Auditorium for two shows each on Friday and Saturday. **Jay Craven**'s documentary focuses on the experiences of vets, most of them from Vermont. The Peacham filmmaker will be on hand for post-film discussions.

Craven says his latest feature *Disappearances* will play the South by Southwest festival next month in Austin, Texas. The theatrical world premiere is on April 7 at the Essex Cinemas, where the gala crowd will include lead actor Kris Kristofferson. He portrays a down-at-the-heels Northeast Kingdom farmer smuggling whiskey across the Canadian border during Prohibition. For information, visit http://www.disappearancesmovie.com or call 592-3190.

In his native Kenya, Alexander Hopcraft once raised an orphaned cheetah cub named Duma — the Swahili word for that species. At the age of 12, he wrote a children's book with his mother about the experience, *How It Was with Dooms: A True Story from Africa*, that has been adapted for a movie directed by Carroll Ballard (*The Black Stallion*). *Duma* will screen for free Thursday at 7 p.m. in Dana Auditorium. It's also on the schedule of the Green Mountain Film Festival in Montpelier from March 17 through 26.

Hopcraft is now a 21-year-old Middlebury College senior majoring in environmental policy. He had never even heard of the place until he visited the U.S. to check out potential schools. "The fact that it was relatively remote and removed from the outside world appealed to me since I was used to living out in rural areas," he recalls.

Indeed, Hopcraft, who was home-schooled until seventh grade, grew up on the 20,000-acre Kenyan game ranch that's been in his family for three generations — where the wild things are. ⑦

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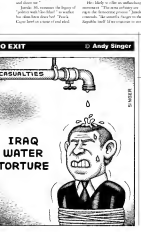

fickle fannie

BY DAVID DIEFENDORF

READ THIS FIRST: This week, as always, the things Fannie likes (shown in CAPITAL letters) all follow a secret rule. Can you figure out what it is? **NOTE:** Fickle Fannie likes words. But each week she likes something different about them — how they're spelled, how they sound, how they look, what they mean, or what's inside them.

PICKET FENCES protect white bread from pumpernickel.

No past CALENDAR can measure the snows of yesteryear.

Illegal betting at Wimbledon is a kind of TENNIS RACKET.

Unlike classroom GLOBES, the earth is not a perfect sphere.

TAX RETURN booklets are the work of failed technical writers.

Many people walk the streets at HOLLYWOOD AND VINE.

In Scotland, some taxis are painted with a PLAID design.

A stuck WINDOW SASH is the cause of plenty of anger.

Hip hop has managed to marginalize rock's lead GUITAR.

Mondrian's painting "BROADWAY BOOGIE-WOOGIE" pulsates.

Fax me with your Q's or comments (dd44art@aol.com). Difficulty rating for this puzzle: **HARD AS H**. If you're stuck, see the HINT on this page. If you cave, see the ANSWER on page 63A. So much for Fickle Fannie's tastes this week. Next week she'll have a whole new set of likes and dislikes.

FICKLE FANNIE HINT: Think inside the box.

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SHORTS << 59A

FIREWALL★★1/2 Harrison Ford and Virginia Madsen are paired in Richard Loncraine's thriller about a bank security expert forced to bypass his own computer-security systems when kidnappers take his family hostage. [illegible] and Paul Bettany costar. (105 min, PG-13)

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK★★★★ David Strathairn stars in George Clooney's account of the mid-century clash between CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow and professional witch hunter Joseph McCarthy. With Robert Downey Jr. (90 min, PG)

HOODWINKED★★1/2 Glenn Close, Jim Belushi and Anne Hathaway are among the voice cast in this animated, tongue-in-cheek retelling of the Red Riding Hood tale. Corey and Todd Edwards direct. (80 min, PG)

MATCH POINT★★★★★ Woody Allen serves up his finest film in more than a decade with this philosophical thriller about a former tennis pro who winds up with everything a socially ambitious young Londoner could ever want — except a conscience. With Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Scarlett Johansson and Emily Mortimer. (124 min, R)

MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS★★★ Judi Dench stars in Stephen Frears' fact-based period piece about a well-heeled English socialite who opens a burlesque theater during World War II. Bob Hoskins plays her feisty stage manager. Also featuring Christopher Guest. (103 min, R)

MUNICH★★★★★ Eric Bana, Daniel Craig and Geoffrey Rush star in Steven Spielberg's historical thriller about the murdered Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics. (R)

NANNY MCPHEE★★★ Emma Thompson stars in director Kirk Jones' supernatural nanny saga based on Christianna Brand's bestselling "Nurse Matilda" series and Thompson's own screenplay. With Colin Firth and Kelly Macdonald. (98 min, PG)

SYRIANA★★★★ *Traffic* writer Stephen Gaghan steps behind the camera to bring us this geopolitical thriller that grapples with such ripped-from-the-headlines issues as terrorism, government abuse of power and the oil industry. Starring George Clooney, Amanda Peet and Matt Damon. (126 min, R)

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA★★★★ Andrew (*Shrek*) Adamson adapts C.S. Lewis' classic Christian allegory, in which four children walk through a magical wardrobe to enter a kingdom where animals talk. Starring Tilda Swinton, James McAvoy and Jim Broadbent. (132 min, PG)

THE MATADOR★★★★ Writer-director Richard Shepard brings us this oddball, darkly comic tale about an aging hit man and an ordinary businessman type brought together by a chance encounter in Mexico. Starring Pierce Brosnan and Greg Kinnear. (97 min, R)

THE NEW WORLD★★★1/2 Colin Farrell and Q'Orianka Kilcher are paired in writer-director Terrence Malick's historical epic chronicling the first encounters between European and Native-American cultures in 1607 Jamestown. With Christopher Plummer. (150 min, PG-13)

THE PASSENGER★★★★1/2 Jack Nicholson is paired with Maria Schneider in the re-released 1975 classic directed by Michelangelo Antonioni, the story of a television reporter who tries to start over by assuming the identity of a dead man and hiding out in North Africa. (123 min, PG-13)

THE PINK PANTHER★★ Steve Martin stars in this resurrection of the Inspector Clouseau franchise. This time around, the eponymous diamond is in a ring which has been stolen from a famous soccer coach who's just been murdered. Beyonce Knowles and Kevin Kline costar. Shawn Levy directs. (92 min, PG)

THE SQUID & THE WHALE★★★★ Jeff Daniels and Laura Linney star in writer-director Noah Baumbach's tragicomic portrait of a New York family dealing with its disintegration in the mid-1980s. Costarring Jesse Eisenberg, Anna Paquin and Owen Kline. (88 min, R)

THE WHITE COUNTESS★★★ In James Ivory and Ismail Merchant's final collaboration, Todd Jackson is a jaded American diplomat in 1930s Shanghai keeping [illegible] company with a refugee Russian countess (Natasha Richardson) who's been reduced to prostitution. Kazuo Ishiguro (*Remains of the Day*) wrote the original screenplay. (138 min, PG-13)

UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION★★ Kate Beckinsale is back in black for this sequel to the 2003 goth-a-thon about a long-running war between vampires and werewolves. Scott Speedman costars. Len Wiseman directs. (R)

WALK THE LINE★★★ James (*Girl, Interrupted*) Mangold brings the life story of the late Johnny Cash to the big screen with help from Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon. (136 min, PG-13)

WHEN A STRANGER CALLS★1/2 Camilla Belle stars in this remake of the 1979 horror hit in which a babysitter survives an attack by a killer only to find herself pursued by him years later. Brian Geraghty costars. Simon West directs. (PG-13)

WHY WE FIGHT★★★★ In this documentary, Vermont filmmaker Eugene Jarecki traces the U.S.'s runaway militarism back to the Eisenhower era. (98 min, NR)

NEW ON DVD/VHS

PROOF★★★ Gwyneth Paltrow and Anthony Hopkins star in John Madden's adaptation of David Auburn's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about a father and a daughter who both happen to be mathematical geniuses. With Jake Gyllenhaal. (99 min, PG-13)

SAW II★★ You know you're in Lenny Land when the good guy's played by Donnie Wahlberg. He's a detective on the trail of the sadistic mastermind known as Jigsaw, who's up to his old tricks, trapping people in locked rooms with only one grisly means of escape. Lyriq Bent, Tobin Bell and Dina Meyer star. Darren Lynn directs. (91 min, R)

THE THING ABOUT MY FOLKS★★ Paul Reiser and Peter Falk co-star in this comedy-drama about a father and son who bond unexpectedly during an impromptu road trip they take after Mom walks out on Dad. With Olympia Dukakis. Screenplay by Reiser. (93 min, PG-13)

ZATHURA★★★1/2 Jon (*Elf*) Favreau directs this family-friendly fantasy in which a mysterious board game sends squabbling siblings on a fantastic outer-space journey. With Josh Hutcherson, Jonah Bobo and Tim Robbins. (95 min, PG)

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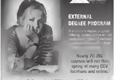
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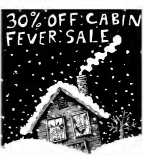

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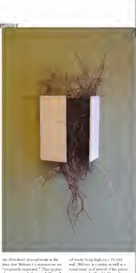

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EXHIBIT
"Life Constructions," sculpture, painting and constructions by Jane Horner, June Campbell and Sharon Webster. VCAM Space, Burlington. Through March.

ARTWORK
"Vine Cupboard" by Sharon Webster

PHOTO
Marc Awodey

The VCAM Space is a new visual art venue in a very creative neighborhood — Burlington's Flynn Avenue. Located within the post-industrial complex of buildings fronted by the Flynndog gallery, VCAM — a.k.a. Vermont Community Access Media — is blessed with ample wall space. The debut exhibition, "Life Constructions," features works by Jane Horner, June Campbell and Sharon Webster. It suggests a promising future.

Campbell's "Tax Map #99" is a modest but well-executed little painting that at first glance seems totally abstract. Its flat central shape floats groundlessly in a mauve space. Within the central form are blue, green and red rectangles, along with white dots outlined in black — shapes reminiscent of Native American artistic idioms. Campbell's pictographic image represents a totally different worldview, however, especially when you recognize the dots as dwellings and the lines as streets.

Horner's delicate hanging sculpture, cryptically titled "Afterwards OOLC," is even more oblique. Its two forms — a crumpled cloud of fine wire with the casing of a spent bullet dangling below — are ominous and beautiful at the same time.

Campbell and Horner present strong artworks, but Webster's constructions dominate the show. Northern Vermont art viewers can finally see the pieces that were exhibited last December at the Southern Vermont Art Center. A reviewer from the *Manchester Journal* wrote at the time that Webster's constructions are "poignantly expressive." That appraisal seems particularly true of "Target" — a scoreless black-white-and-gray dartboard that has been hit by three white darts. Perhaps the image expresses an existential conundrum, as it seems to make no difference whether the darts strike the center or somewhere nearer the rim. In this game, the act of throwing the darts is more important than where they land (the journey is more important than the destination?). Keeping score is futile and irrelevant.

Other Webster constructions are less easy to "read," but equally successful aesthetically. "Vine Cupboard" is exactly what the title says it is: a cupboard stuffed with dried vines. Nearly all her wall-mounted works are made from natural materials — wood, paper, dried grasses, twigs — so her colors are gentle and often monochromatic. She also juxtaposes textures with ease.

"Scrolls 1 & 2" are 5-foot-tall vertical works hung high on a VCAM wall. Webster is a writer as well as a visual artist, and several of her pieces contain words. Shredded bits of text, along with lengths of twig, appear within both scrolls. The 4-foot-tall "Hanging File" features five narrow shelves loaded with a sequence of grasses, twigs and a torn-up book. "Singing Grass Rack" includes words and sheet music.

Is there meaning to Webster's works, or are they simply engaging formal statements? It's impossible to view her constructions without thinking of Dada and Surrealism, and the question of meaning was certainly relevant to works by Marcel Duchamp, Joseph Cornell and other artists of those genres. There seems to be some logic, a hidden order, in Webster's creations, but she doesn't need to explain.

A pleasing ambiguity seems to be the thread that unifies the works of all three artists in "Life Constructions." What's perfectly clear is that VCAM's first exhibition is solid. ⑦

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"THE IDENTITY PROJECT": Photographs by local youth experiencing homelessness, sponsored by the Pearl Street Clinic of the Community Health Center. Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts, Burlington, [illegible]. Reception February 17, 4-6 p.m. Through February.

JASON RYAN OSTERHOUT: Acrylic paintings on canvas. Club Metronome, Burlington, [illegible]. Reception February 16, 8:30-9:30 p.m., with live music by Lowell Thompson and Kristin Hoffmann. Through March 15.

"REALIST VISIONS": Paintings by Gary Eckhart, Corliss Blakely, Robert Carsten, Alastair Dacey and [illegible] LaRue. Vermont Fine Art, Stowe, 253-8653. Reception February 18, 5-7 p.m. Through March.

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OPENINGS >> 04B

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ACROSS THE ISLE Burlington's Flynndog is filled with Greek artifacts this month — but not ancient ones. Art professors Shelly Warren and Catherine Hall took 17 students from five Vermont colleges to the Greek island of Samos last year, where they created and documented site-specific works. Four of the large-scale sculptures are recreated in the current exhibit, entitled "Moments in Time: Samos, Greece." Also warming the space are 19 color prints from digital photos of other sunny island creations.

OPENINGS << 03B

"THE ONLY RUSH I TRUST IS MY OWN": Contemporary works by Ione Sztuar, M.J. Tainl, Aniza Toopfina and Tina Escoja. L/L Gallery, Living/Learning Center, UVM, Burlington, 656-4200. Reception February 21, 4 p.m. Through March 16.

TALKS/ EVENTS

"WHAT IS IT ABOUT?": A gallery discussion for adults who want to learn more about the current exhibition, "Past in Reverse: Contemporary East Asian art." Hood Museum, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 603-646-2808. February 15, 7 p.m.

"BUYING ART": A talk by critic and author Ric Kasini Kadour. Jenkee Hill Gallery of Fine Photography, Pawlet, 325-2274. February 18, 1 p.m.

HOOD HIGHLIGHTS TOUR: An experienced guide helps viewers explore a selection of objects in the museum's collection. Hood Museum, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 603-646-2808. February 18, 2 p.m.

"THE SLEEP OF REASON: GOYA IN CONTEXT": A lunchtime gallery talk by associate professor of Spanish Gayle Nunley, in conjunction with a current exhibit. Fleming Museum, UVM, Burlington, 656-0750. February 22, 12:15 p.m.

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ROBIN LABUE: Fanciful watercolors and drawings. Starbucks, Maple Tree Place, Williston, 485-5241. February 1 - March 2.

GREG GIORDANO: "Flameope: Uncut," sketches and paintings. 1/2 Lounge, Burlington, flameope.studio@gmail.com. Through March 8.

CHARLIE HUNTER: "Where I Live Now," post pastoral, post industrial portraits of Vermont. Pine Street Artworks, Burlington, 863-8100. Through April 13.

"MOMENTS IN TIME: SAMOS, GREECE": A group exhibit of site-specific installation and photographs. Flynndog, Burlington, 863-2227. Through March 3.

JOSHUA REIMAN: "Thug League," photographs exploring themes of race, class, pop culture and heroism, including the Washington and Blackboard series. Firehouse Gallery, Burlington, 865-7166. Through March 5.

MAGGIE STANDLEY: "Reclamation," mixed-media paintings and found objects that investigate themes of struggle, misuse of power and survival. Mezzanine Gallery; and **NEIL E. CALLAHAN:** "East Selma, Alabama: Forgotten America," black-and-white photographs, Pickering Room. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 865-7211. Through February 25.

10TH ANNUAL CREATIVE RE-USE SHOWCASE: A recycled art contest organized by the Chittenden Solid Waste District features artwork made from used, found or surplus materials by area high school students. Frog Hollow, Burlington, 863-6458. Through February 23.

DREW MATOTT: "Politics, Paper and Pulp," sculptural books using handmade paper and alternative bookbinding, Lower Level Gallery, through April 28; and **MICHAEL STRAUSS:** "Visual Expressions & Expansions," rural and urban watercolor scenes, 3rd Floor Gallery, through March 17; and **MARC AWODEY:** mixed-media paintings, through February 27. Community College of Vermont, Burlington, 651-1252.

ELIZABETH CLEARY: Landscape oil paintings, Dining Room; and **JENNI MARONEY:** "Third World Expressions," photography, Bar; and **PHEBE MOTT:** "The Wedding," acrylic paintings on canvas, Solarium. Daily Planet, Burlington, dailyplanet15@verizon.net. Through February.

"LIFE CONSTRUCTIONS": Jane Horner, Jane Campbell, Sharon Webster and Horner/MacGregor/Smeraka create art out of everyday objects, including a mailbox, mop head, 10 cases and hair. VCAM Space, 208 Flynn Ave., Burlington, 651-0734. Through March 8.

MELANIE PHELPS: "Small Works," acrylic paintings. Dorset Linda Market, Shelburne, 985-3985. Through March.

LILI DUANE: Paintings and sculpture. Village Wine & Coffee, Shelburne, Lduane1728@aol.com. Through February 17.

FRIENDS OF STUDIO STK: Jazz Heath Kim, Christine Dennis, Joel and Maci Miller, Carol Mannchen and Sage Tucker-Ketcham show works in multiple media. Studio STK, Burlington, 657-3333. Through February 22.

SARAH RUTHERFORD: "In Vivo: In Vitro," paintings and drawings. L/L Gallery, Living/Learning Center, UVM, Burlington, 656-4200. Through February 16.

EDWIN EARLE: Paintings of the Hopi Katsinas by the late artist and writer. Emile A. Gruppe Gallery, Jericho, 899-3211. Through March 5.

"ARTISTS' BOOKS": These selections from UVM's Special Collections include handmade testaments to the book medium. Fleming Museum, UVM, Burlington, 656-0750. Through June 4.

BRUCE PENDLETON: Photography. Main Branch, Chittenden Bank, Burlington, 840-6185. Through February.

CAROL BOUCHER: "Images from the Road," new art prints. Grannis Gallery, Burlington, 658-2732. Through February.

"THE FLYNN: VERMONT'S WONDER THEATRE": A special exhibit commemorating the theater's 75 years shows its development from a movie palace to a premier performing-arts center. Amy E. Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center, Burlington, 652-4500. Through April 15.

LIZA COWAN: "Fake!" Paintings on glass and canvas by "Liza Leger, Liza Picasso, Liza Matisse," etc.; and **DAVID KLEIN:** "Beanie the Singing Dog," shadow boxes and installation. Pine Street Art Works, Burlington, 658-6261. Through February 15.

OBODY SHOW: Artworks in multiple media by Janet Biehl, Kit Donnelly, Mary Johnson, Sara Katz, Lynda McIntyre, Ayn Balcewa Riehle and Lynn Rupe. Maltex Building, Burlington, 865-7166. Through March.

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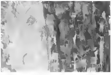

FIGHT THE POWER "Reclamation," by artist and teacher Maggie Standley, is a complex show of 17 paintings, mixed-media works and found objects — including the wing of a large bird — currently installed on the mezzanine level of Burlington's Fletcher Free Library. Her strong abstractions, such as "Moorings Sighted" (pictured here), are among the exhibition's highlights. According to Standley, her works are investigating "themes of struggle, misuse of power and survival." Sounds timely.

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champlain valley

GILLIAN KLEIN: "Ephemeral Pitscapes," oil paintings. Starry Night Café, North Ferrisburgh, 877-6316. Through March.

"HERITAGE: A COLLECTION OF IMAGES PAST & PRESENT": Photographs by students in the Otter Creek Basin History Club at Vergennes High School. Vermont Folklife Center, Middlebury, 388-4964. Through February 18.

LINDA CANNON HUFFMAN & RONDA STOLL: "Return of the Spring," 32 Chinese paintings on paper. Ilsley Library, Middlebury, 388-[illegible]. Through February.

"ART FROM THE HEART": A mixed-media group show to benefit local charities. Carol's Hungry Mind, Middlebury, 388-0101. Through February.

"ART AMONG US": This 2nd annual exhibit showcases works in multiple media by area students. Brandon Artists Guild, 247-[illegible]. Through February.

"JAPANESE WOODBLOCK PRINTS": Works from the 18th through the 20th century, curated by Sally Fleet. Gallery-in-the-Field, Brandon, 247-0125. Through March.

"SCREENED AND SELECTED: CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO ACQUISITIONS 1979-2005": Works by 20 contemporary artists chosen by college majors in art, architecture, film and media culture, and **TONY OURSLER:** "Time Stop," a video installation and sculpture in the series "Art Now." Middlebury College Museum of Art, 443-2240. Through June 4.

"TREASURES FROM ASIA": A collection of fine art and antiques from China, Japan and Islamic Asia, presented with Schnebelie Fine Arts. Shelburne Art Center, 985-3648. Through February 18.

DUKER BOWER: Contemporary paintings, sculpture and photography; also **BOB PETERSON & EVA CINCOTTA:** Paintings. Mt. Philo Gallery, Inn at Charlotte B&B, 425-2934. Through March 2[illegible].

central

KEITH JEFFERSON: Carved furniture, pottery, art sculpture, photography and paintings. Walker-Maclure Library, Pittsford, 483-2972. February 20-March 18.

BOB RASMUSSEN: Photographic images of Vermont. Axel's Gallery & Frameshop, Waterbury, 244-7801. Through March 1.

AXEL STOHLBERG: "Karma and Humans," abstracted architecture. Axel's Frame Shop & Gallery, Waterbury, 244-7801. Through February.

ECLECTIC RECONSTRUCTIONS: Objects made by staff from scraps, surplus and recycled materials. ReStore, Montpelier, 229-1930. Through February.

LISA LILLIBRIDGE: Snapshots of life, photography, and **DAVID THURSTON:** Oil on paper and wood. Green Bean Art Gallery at Capitol Grounds, Montpelier, 223-[illegible]. Through February.

RACHEL GROSS: "A Piece of Wall," drawings and prints. Chaplin Hall Gallery, Norwich University, Northfield, 485-2620. Through February.

KARI MEYER: Recent acrylic landscape and abstract paintings. La Brioche, Montpelier, [illegible]. Through February.

SARAH MUNRO: "Streams of Consciousness," acrylic collage paintings. Shoe Horn, Montpelier, 223-5454. Through February.

"GIVE US A HAND": A group show in multiple media featuring hands. Main Floor Gallery; **"PAINTING FROM THE SOURCE WITHIN":** Process paintings by members of the Creative Source Painting Studio in Marshfield. Second Floor Gallery; and **GINNY JOYNER:** "Cabinet of Curiosities," mixed media. Studio Place Arts, Barre, 479-7069. Through March 4.

"WOMEN'S WORKS: NO BOUNDARIES": Part of the Festival for Women in the Arts, this exhibit shows works by Vermont finalists for the National Museum of Women in the Arts: Patricia Benson, Gail Salzman, Debbie Scheer, Kathleen Schneider, Marie Van Vliet and Elizabeth Billings, also artworks by students of Christ the King School. Chaffee Art Center, Rutland, 775-0356. Through February 19.

JANET VAN FLEET: "Fauna of the Forest," whimsical sculptures of birds and four-legged creatures using found materials from tagging sites, through February 20, and **"SEW SEW ART: GREAT WORKS WITH FABRIC,"** Janet Van Fleet, Timothy Fisher, Bettie Hirmes Kasagenze, Eve Jacobs-Carnahan and Mary Jo Krolewski show playful works in quilting, sculpture and collage, through March 5. The Lazy Pear Gallery, Montpelier, 223-7680.

ANTHONY CAFRITZ: "Clown Compression: Goodbye Dolly Gray," sculpture and mixed-media installation by the art prof. Christine Price Gallery, Castleton State College, 468-1227. Through February 17.

MAGGIE NEALE: Oil paintings. Montpelier City Hall Art Space, 229-9446. Through February.

JENNIFER FERELLO: "Brilliant Hues of Summer," watercolor and pastel with tissue paper. Sweet Wind Grill & Bar, Warren, 496-7347. Through April.

DAVID SMITH: New paintings by the Marshfield artist. Vermont Supreme Court Lobby, Montpelier, 828-4784. Through March 31.

PHILLIP ROBERTSON & ALEX COSTINELLI: Collage paintings and prints. Barre Opera House, new homeopera house wing. Through April.

DOUG DESJARDINS: "Art From the Heart," playful paintings on recycled wood and canvas. The Cheshire Cat Art & Artwear, Montpelier, 223-1981. Through March.

SEVEN VERMONT SCULPTORS: New works by Al Gerri Roepple, Chris Curtis, Patricia de Gogorza, Randy Blatterlitsch, Lynn Newcomb [illegible] Judith Moore. Sculpture Garden, Vermont Arts Council, Montpelier, 828-5422. Through May 2007.

northern

DONNA STAFFORD: Sets, props, costume works for the theater. Julian Scott Memorial Gallery, Johnson State College, 635-1469. Through February 17.

"NATURE'S SPIRIT": Paintings of birds by Esther Rogoway, collages with handmade paper by Galitta Carey and landscapes made of thin slices of [illegible] by T. Breeze Verdant. Stowe Craft Design Center, 253-7677. Through March 15.

JANET FREDERICKS: "Language of Water," works on paper that bring together a love of water and [illegible]. Helen Day Art Center, Stowe, 253-8358. Through April 5.

"MEETING THE DAWN: FIRST NATION ART FROM THE NORTHEASTERN WOODLANDS": Art and artifacts, both contemporary and historical, by native peoples of the Northeast, as well as activist painter N. Scott [illegible] from the [illegible] Indian Reservation in Oklahoma. Helen Day Art Center, Stowe, 253-8358. Through April 3.

BON HANSON, SUSAN HOFFMAN & CRAIG MOONEY: "Big Image," photography, paintings and mixed media. West Branch Gallery & Sculpture Park, Stowe, 253-8943. Through March 11.

WINTER SHOW: More than 80 local artists exhibit their works. Stowe Town Hall, [illegible]. Through March.

southern

FEBRUARY SOLO EXHIBITIONS: Eight regional artists show their works in multiple media. Yester House, Southern Vermont Arts Center, Manchester, 362-1405. Through March 5.

"IT'S NOT YOUR GRANNY'S AFGHAN ANYMORE": Woven and fiber objects, garments, quilts, baskets, paintings and other mixed media by nine fiber artists. Gallery at the Vault, Springfield, 885-7111. Through March 4.

regional

"THE BRITISH ARE COMING!": A collection of images by Peter Blake, Richard Hamilton, David Hockney and more, curated by poet David Powell to show the response of British cultural artists to the 1960s-70s. Plattsburgh State Art Museum, SUNY Plattsburgh, 518-564-2474. Through April 9.

"CATHERINE THE GREAT: ART FOR THE EMPIRE": Masterpieces from the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia. Museum of Fine Arts, Montréal, 514-285-1600. Through May 7.

BERRY & TOBLANE: "The Artist Hand," [illegible] Slate Valley Museum, Granville, N.Y., 518-642-1417. Through May.

"PAST IN REVERSE: CONTEMPORARY ART OF EAST ASIA": Contemporary works by more than 20 established and up-and-coming artists in multiple media from the San Diego Museum of Art. Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 603-646-2426. Through March 12.

"SENSE OF THE CITY": A multimedia exhibition about urban [illegible], and **"EMPIRE":** A visual essay by photographer [illegible] on the relationship between architecture and power. Extended through March 12. Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montréal, 514-939-7026.

"COLLECTANEA": Objects from the permanent collection illustrate the "museum as home [illegible]." Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 603-646-2808. Through February.

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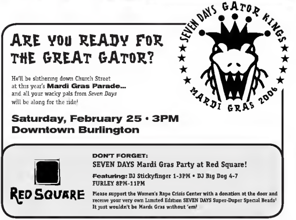

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GULLAH STORYTELLING **Sunday February 19, Haybarn Theater, Goddard College, Plainfield, 8 p.m. Donations. Info, 454-7367, ext. 1. http://www.knowitall.org/gullahnet**

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SOUTH BURLINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY
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The freezing temperature and light snowfall made the interior of the South Burlington Community Library seem especially warm and safe. I passed empty tables and chairs, dark offices, and a couple people softly tapping keyboards at Internet terminals. All around were shelves holding books that were categorized logically and not being read. Way in the back, I found a door with a handwritten paper note saying: *Want to stop the militarization of our schools?*

The door opened into a conference room where Burlington's Peace & Justice Center was hosting a discussion about military recruitment in high schools. A few murals adorned the walls, courtesy of the high school next door. An American flag hung from a pole in the corner. A massive, boardroom-style table dominated the room, its seating capacity far beyond the eight of us who showed up. We arranged ourselves around a tray of Oreos: one high school sophomore, a few parents, a grandmother, a Vietnam veteran, a Peace & Justice rep, and an out-of-shape 25-year-old with 50 percent of a college education under his belt. Not exactly a recruiter's target audience.

Still, the group expressed genuine concern about friends and relatives who experienced unwanted military pressure. We watched a video about invasive — and sometimes fraudulent — recruitment. Schools must allow recruiters on their property and provide them with students' contact information; if they don't, they risk losing federal funding. In the film, one recruiter confessed to doctoring student medical records in order to reach his quota.

After the video, we discussed options and learned about the proposed federal Student Privacy Protection Act, H.R. 551, that would allow students to "opt out" of giving their information to recruiters. (Check http://www.leavemychildalone.org for more info.) Many high schools have counter-recruitment groups. Chelsea Page, the South Burlington sophomore, belongs to one. I asked her how military recruitment affected her life. She said she plans to be a writer, and is "still too young to feel the pressure of military recruitment." Looks like there's a strong movement to keep things that way.

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'FARMERS' NIGHT CONCERT': The New England Kurn Hattin Homes Jazz Band makes a welcome ruckus at the Statehouse, Montpelier, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 282-2626.

dance

'SALSALINA' PRACTICE: Work on your sensuous nightclub routines at this weekly Latin dance session. Salsalina Studio, Burlington, nonmembers 6 p.m.; members 7 p.m. $10. Info, 598-1077.

drama

HOOP IN IMPROV: Actors create characters and hone storytelling skills in a fun stage workshop. Waterfront Theatre, Burlington, 6-8 p.m. $5. Info, 862-0844.

'THE LION IN WINTER': Northern Stage presents James Goldman's play about the medieval machinations of King Henry II of England and his formidable French wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine. Briggs Opera House, White River Junction, 7:30 p.m. $16-41. Info, 296-7000.

'DEATH AND THE PLOUGHMAN': The Saratoga International Theatre Institute stages its own philosophical adaptation of a 15th-century mystery play. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $28-34. Info, 863-5966.

'THE ACCIDENTAL ACTIVIST': Playwright and actor Kathryn Blume, creator of 2003's international, pro-peace *Lysistrata Project*, delivers a one-woman show about unexpectedly becoming an antiwar spokesperson. Fine Arts Center, Castleton State College, 8 p.m. $7. Info, 468-1119.

film

'PARADISE NOW': Expect quiet intensity and an explosive ending from this film about two Palestinian suicide bombers. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. $6.50. Info, 748-2600.

'PERSONA': A traumatized actress and a young nurse form an unnervingly close relationship in this 1966 Swedish movie about identity issues. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

'PICKPOCKET': After going to jail, a thief reflects upon his life in this Dostoevsky-inspired tale of crime, punishment and redemption. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 8:50 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

'CROSSING DELANCEY': In this feel-good romance Rick, a Manhattan bachelorette meets a man through her Jewish grandma's matchmaker. South Burlington Community Library, 6:45 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

art

Also see exhibitions in Section A.

RUG HOOKING DEMO: Fiber artists Jolyn Devlin and Jody Dodds explain how to dye wool, then pull colored tufts through burlap backing. Warren Public Library, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 496-3913.

words

POETRY OPEN MIKE: Bards take turns as everyone can marvel at a Bohemian evening of live verse. Euro Gourmet Market & Café, Burlington, 6-9 p.m. Free. Info, 859-3467.

'INFLUENTIAL FIRST LADIES': Readers of Phyllis Levin's biography, *Edith & Woodrow: The Wilson White House*, explore the relationship between personal and political power. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-6955.

'FOOD FOR THOUGHT' DISCUSSION GROUP: Readers review the philosophical questions raised by *Man's Search for Meaning*, Viktor Frankl's account of his three years in a WWII concentration camp. Waterbury Public Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 244-7036.

talks

VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY: A speaker from the Vermont Earth Institute kicks off a discussion about having more fun with less stuff. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 6:30 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 223-3338.

PRE-PERFORMANCE LECTURE: Dartmouth English prof Peter Travis discusses SITI Company's translation and adaptation of *Death and the Ploughman*. Amy E. Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center, Burlington, 6:7 p.m. Free. Info, 863-5966.

'LIVING WITH YOUR FEET': A chiropractor explains how to pamper your peds for better overall health. Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Jericho, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 899-4962.

HEATHERS: Horticulturalist Vivian Branschofsky talks about the proper care of blooming heath and plants. UVM Horticultural Research Center, South Burlington, 7-8 p.m. $10. Info, 655-7473.

'MT. MANSFIELD 2035': Vermont Land Trust President Darby Bradley and *Hands on the Land* author Jan Albers review how economic, governmental and social pressures will affect the state's economy. Ira Allen Chapel, UVM, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 656-2085.

'GOVERNOR PHILIP HOFF': Author Stephen Terry reflects on Vermont's first 20th-century Democratic executive. The Hildene, Manchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 654-4389.

BASIC NON-LINEAR EDITING: Aspiring moviemakers learn to put it all together using the Final Cut Express editing system. Channel 17, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 862-3966, ext. 16.

JAMES HOWARD KUNSTLER: The author of *The Long Emergency* critiques nonrenewable resource depletion and prepares listeners for a post-"peak oil" future. Burlington City Hall Auditorium, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 862-9616.

GMO TALK: Following a screening of *The Future of Food*, State Representative and Agriculture Committee Chair Dave Zuckerman discusses corporate malfeasance in the fields. Eclipse Theater, Waitsfield, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 496-6984.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: Watch critters do dinner with help from the animal-care staff at the ECHO Center, Burlington, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m. $6-9. Info, 864-1848.

BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: Readings of family faves provide morning fun for toddlers at Barnes & Noble, South Burlington, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.

BROWNELL LIBRARY STORYTIME: Picture books and puppets engage growing minds aged 3-5. Brownell Library, Essex Junction, 10-10:45 a.m. Free. Info, 878-6956.

WESTFORD PLAYGROUP: Children gather for games, songs and stories at the Westford Library, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Info, 878-5639.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Tots take in their favorite tales at the Pierson Library, Shelburne, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 985-5124.

HINESBURG PLAY GROUP: Youngsters let loose in a fun, friendly, toy-filled atmosphere. Hinesburg Town Hall, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Info, 453-3038.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: Little ones ages 2 and under get hooked on books at the Waterbury Library, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 244-7036.

'MOVING & GROOVING': Two- to 5-year-olds boogie down to rock 'n' roll and world-beat music. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7216.

WED 15 >> 10B

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WED 15 << 09B

TOM STAMP: The master storyteller makes an impression on tykes— and adults, too. Thatcher Brook Primary School Library, Waterbury, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 244-7036.

PAJAMA STORYTIME: Little ones get ready for bed with not-too-scary nighttime tales. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.

'DORA THE EXPLORER, LIVE!': Adventuresome kids embark on a pirate ship at a live-action show based on the famous Nickelodeon cartoon. Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, 7 p.m. $21 & $27. Info, 863-5966.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: The 60-plus set benefits from stretches and strength training. Senior Community Center, The Pines, South Burlington, 2:30 p.m. $2. Info, 658-7477.

KAYAK & CANOE ROLLS: Paddlers practice getting dumped in the drink, in order to right themselves again. Mt. Abe High School Pool, Bristol, 7-8:30 p.m. $10-20. Info, 793-3644.

'FELLOWSHIP OF THE WHEEL' BOWLING: Bicyclists hit the lanes and roll heavy balls to support Local Motion's pro-pedal efforts. Yankee Lanes, Colchester, 8:30 p.m. $15. Info, 652-2453.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: Activists stand together in opposition to the U.S. occupation of Iraq. Top of Church Street, Burlington, 5-6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 863-2345.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS: Marxist-minded activists strategize about the labor, feminist and antiwar movements. Room 102, Lafayette Hall, UVM, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Child care and info, 318-3493.

MERGER TASK FORCE: Residents and officials from Essex and Essex Junction work on a plan to combine the two towns. Town Office Meeting Room, Essex, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-1341.

VILLAGE PLANNING: Shelburne residents and property owners convene to make recommendations on the town's long-term priorities. Shelburne Municipal Complex, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 985-5118.

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'RAPTOR RESCUE': Take a journey through the eyes of an injured bird, from rescue and rehab to eventual release. VINS Nature Center, Quechee, 11 a.m. $8. Info, 359-5000.

'RAPTORS UP CLOSE': Nature lovers get a look at live birds on tours of the VINS Nature Center, Quechee, 2:30 p.m. $8. Info, 359-5000.

CHOCOLATE DIPPING DEMO: Fans of cocoa-covered confectionary see how it's made at Laughing Moon Chocolates, Stowe, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 253-9591.

ESL GROUP: Non-native speakers learn English at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7-8 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7211.

CHESS GROUP: Beginner and intermediate-level players strategize ways to put each other's kings in check. South Burlington Community Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

KNITTING POSSE: Needle-wielding crafters convene over pearl yarns. South Burlington Community Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7076.

VETERANS JOB NETWORKING: Ex-soldiers share labor market tips, training info and employment leads. VFW Post, Essex Junction, 9:30-11 a.m. & American Legion Post, St. Albans, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Info, 652-0350.

CHARITY BINGO: Players seek patterns on game board cards, then say the magic word. [illegible] Bingo Hall, Colchester, 7 p.m. $10 for 12 cards. Info, 860-1510.

CABLE-ACCESS LAB: Want to be on TV? Citizens use archives and learn how to produce their own shows. Channel 17, Burlington, 4:30-6 p.m. Free. Info, 862-3966, ext. 16.

HEBREW READING WORKSHOP: Intermediate students convene to comprehend written language. Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, Burlington, 4-5 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 864-0218, ext. 28. Also at Temple Sinai, South Burlington, 4:30-6 p.m. Free. Info, 862-5125.

CAREER FOCUS: Adult learners set goals based on their skills and aspirations. Community College of Vermont, Burlington, noon-3 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 800-642-3177.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION: Students learning English as a second language chat informally to improve their speaking skills. South Burlington Community Library, 1 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 652-7080.

FINDING FINANCIAL AID: Graduate students uncover grant and loan info. VSAC, Winooski, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 800-642-3177.

EXERCISE WORKSHOP: Office-worker types learn ergonomic stretches to reduce eye strain and muscle fatigue. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, noon-1 p.m. Free. Info, 861-5700.

'GAP YEAR' FAIR: Students and parents talk with reps from experiential-learning programs about ways to take a year off between high school and college. South Burlington High School, 7-9 p.m. Free. Info, 652-7000.

VERMONT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Senator Vincent Illuzzi discusses affordable housing after a continental breakfast, then attendees meet with their own legislators for lunch. Statehouse, Montpelier, breakfast 8 a.m., meeting 9:30 a.m. Call for cost. Info, 657-0842.

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS NETWORK: Tax tips for individuals and small companies follow a talk about putting technology to good use. Sheraton Hotel, South Burlington, breakfast meeting 8-9:30 a.m., lunch meeting 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. $14-18. Reservations and info, 343-9280.

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music

Also, see clubdates in Section A.

JESSICA ALBRIGHT: A JSC student voices original acoustic rock at the Base Lodge, Stearns Hall, Johnson State College, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 635-2356.

VOICE RECITAL: Senior soprano Nora Williams sounds off at the Concert Hall, Middlebury College Center for the Arts, 8 p.m. Free. Info, 443-6433.

dance

DANCE TRIBE: Boogie down to recorded tunes in a safe, friendly environment. No shoes are required at Shelburne Town Hall, 7-9 p.m. $2. Info, 476-5138.

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE: Meditative moves promote peace through joyful circle dances. Unity Church of Vermont, Essex Junction, 7-9 p.m. Donations. Info, 658-2647.

drama

'THE LION IN WINTER': See February 15.

'THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES': Local ladies star in a UVM production of Eve Ensler's wise, witty, Obie Award-winning play. Carpenter Auditorium, Given Building, UVM, Burlington, 8 p.m. $12. Info, 656-4637.

'THE UNDERPANTS': Dartmouth students stage Steve Martin's adaptation of Carl Sternheim's 1910 comedy, in which missing panties set off a tongue-in-cheek burlesque. Moore Theater, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 8 p.m. $12. Info, 603-646-2422.

PLAYWRIGHT WORKING GROUP: Scene scribes present works in progress, then hear audience members' opinions. Institute for Professional Practice, Barre, 7 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 229-0112.

film

'PARADISE NOW': See February 15.

'MONSOON WEDDING': A family gathers in Delhi for a nuptial celebration in Mira Nair's vibrant award winner. Loew Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

'DUMA': This film based on the childhood memoir of a current Middlebury senior follows the friendship between a boy and his family's pet cheetah. See "Flick Chick," this issue. Dana Auditorium, Middlebury College, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 443-3100.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

'STUDIO OF THE STREETS': Cabot photographer Michael Belenky talks about a series of black-and-white Polaroid portraits he shot in 1960s New York City. Bethany Church, Montpelier, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 477-4127.

COMMUNITY DARKROOM: Shutterbugs develop film and print pictures at the Center for Photographic Studies, Barre, 6-9 p.m. $8 per hour. Info, 479-4127.

words

'A VAGINA DIALOGUE': A reading excerpted from playwright Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* starts a discussion about women and sexuality in college. UVM Women's Center, Burlington, noon. Free. Info, 656-1982.

MEMORABLE MEMOIRS: Readers of *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt consider the author's childhood experiences in Ireland. Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 879-7576.

JANISSE RAY: The Brattleboro author reads from *Pinhook*, her ardent plea for restoration of a Georgia swamp. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

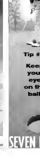
BOOKED FOR LUNCH: David Moats, Pulitzer Prize-winning editor at *The Rutland Herald*, talks about his work. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, noon. Donations. Info, 865-7211.

'CIVILIZATION & GLOBALIZATION' SERIES: Readers of Jared Diamond's *Guns, Germs & Steel* consider how war, disease and technology influence world events. Lawrence Memorial Library, Bristol, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 453-2366.

'YANKEES & STRANGERS' SERIES: Readers of Deborah Rawson's [illegible] reflect on the nature of community in the rural Northeast. Morristown Elementary School, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 888-5661.

talks

WILDLIFE TALK: Biologist Kim Royar of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department explains the life cycle and ecological niche of the coyote. Ilsley Library, Middlebury, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 388-4379.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ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM: Susan Macaw of the U.S. Small Business Administration explains what being your own boss is all about. Simpson Hall, Sterling College, Craftsbury Common, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 586-7711, ext. 160.

'HEAVENS ABOVE': Dartmouth astronomy and physics prof Robert Caldwell uses images from the Hubble telescope to explain the age of the universe. Montshire Museum, Norwich, 7:30-8 p.m. Free. Info, 649-2200.

TRACKING FOR BEGINNERS: Curious about the beasts in your backyard? Environmental educator Chris Runcie shows how to read signs left by wild animals. Bixby Memorial Free Library, Vergennes, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 877-2211.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See February 15.

PAJAMA STORYTIME: See February 15. South Burlington Community Library, 6:30 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 652-7080.

'DORA THE EXPLORER: LIVE!': See February 15, 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

SOUTH BURLINGTON LIBRARY STORYTIME: Youngsters ages 3 to 5 get together for easy listening at the South Burlington Library, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

WESTFORD STORYTIME: Kids ponder picture books and create crafts at the Westford Library, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 878-5639.

DADS' PLAYGROUP: Fathers and their offspring bond through fun and games. Family Center, Montpelier, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 828-8765.

KIDS' GARDEN TOUR: Young ones explore the world of plants on a walk around the Four Seasons Garden Center, Williston, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Free. Info, 658-2433.

'LITTLE ROOTS' STORYTIME: Kids gather in the garden to hear tales about plants, flowers and bugs. Four Seasons Garden Center, Williston, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 658-2433.

BABY TIME: Little ones up to age 2 meet each other at the Pierson Library, Shelburne, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 985-5124.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: Future readers aged 2-4 take in tales at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 10:30 a.m. Free. Info, 865-7216.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See February 15.

RICHMOND PEACE VIGIL: Concerned citizens support U.S. troops while expressing hope for an end to Middle Eastern deployments. Bring a candle to the Congregational Church, Richmond, 5:30 p.m. Free. Info, 434-2053.

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SATURDAY 18

BIRD'S-EYE VIEWING

It's convenient to ogle avians in mid-winter, when trees have dropped their leaves, and you don't have to have memorized tailfeather markings to join the National Audubon Society's Great Backyard Bird Count. From February 17-20, pairs of wing watchers tally up species spotted in parks and backyards nationwide. The data is entered online, and provides important info on North American bird populations. The Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington hosts a four-hour stint on Saturday, when birdwatchers toting clipboards and binoculars train their eyes on established feeders. The afternoon includes free access to the museum's 470 woodcarvings of Vermont birds, plus a 2 o'clock birthday celebration for founder Bob Spear. Free cake, anyone?

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DRINKING LIBERALLY: Bottoms-up Democracy fuels discussion at a meeting of political progressives. American Flatbread, Burlington, 8-10 p.m. Free. Info, 287-237-7406.

CITIZEN ACTION DAY: The Vermont Natural Resources Council and other organizations team up to model methods of pro-environment democratic participation. See calendar spotlight. Room 11, Statehouse, Montpelier, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-8421, ext. 6383.

etc

'RAPTOR RESCUE': See February 15.
'RAPTORS UP CLOSE': See February 15.
CHOCOLATE DIPPING DEMO: See February 15.
CHARITY BINGO: See February 15.

VERMONT CHESS CLUB: Pawn pushers plan moves to better their game. Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-0178.

A VAGINA CARNIVAL: A fun, informative festival launches a local production of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues*. Carpenter Auditorium, Given Building, UVM, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 656-7892.

BACKPACKING STOVE WORKSHOP: Hikers first create, then cook with, a portable range. Back Forty Lodge, SMC Club, Waterbury Center, 6:30-8 p.m. $35. Registration and info, 244-7037.

MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS FESTIVAL: *Où est la lumière?* Vermonters head north to lighten up with dancing, theater and citywide parties. Various locations, times and prices. Info, 888-477-9955.

'HEALTHY HEART DAY': Visitors make the connection between the circulatory and nervous systems at Comly First Chiropractic, Colchester, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Free. Info, 644-2280.

JIGSAW PUZZLE SWAP NIGHT: Hobbyists seeking new challenges trade interlockable pieces for a good fit. Woodbury Community Library, 6-8 p.m. Free. Info, 472-5710.

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music

Also, see clubdates in Section A.

REELACH: Female fiddlers Wendy MacIsaac and Mairi Rankin head this Cape Breton quintet playing Scottish and Irish tunes. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $25. Info, 863-5966.

SIEMPRE SALSA: Trombonist Rick Davies and his Latin jazz sextet Jazzismo send off the music profs' new CD at a concert featuring sax man Dave Grippo and other local musicians. FlynnSpace, Burlington, 8 p.m. $17. Info, 863-5966.

EARLE BROWN & WAYNE SURREL: Two members of Lemon Gap bridge also native country and obscure rock at the Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

DARTMOUTH WIND SYMPHONY: Astronomy inspires a concert with works ranging from Civil War songs to John Williams' theme from *Star Wars*. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 8 p.m. $14. Info, 603-646-2422.

GLENGARRY BHOYS: Canada's popular group plays Scottish and French folk tunes from Ontario at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts, N.Y., 8 p.m. $15. Info, 518-523-2512.

PATRICK STREET: Five powerhouses of Irish traditional music, including vets of The Bothy Band, Planxty and De Dannan, pave the way for a Celtic crossroads concert. Lebanon Opera House, N.H., 7:30 p.m. $25. Info, 603-448-0400.

dance

'BLESSED: A HIP HOP DANCE LIFE': A DJ spins for an 18-member posse powering up moves by local choreographer Sarah Cova. Eclipse Theater, Waitsfield, 8 p.m. $10. Info, 488-8154.

BALLROOM DANCE SOCIAL: Singles and couples of all ages learn ballroom, swing and Latin dancing. Jazzercize Studio, Williston, 7 p.m. $12. Info, 862-2207.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE: Lively music inspires movers to "Tythe Pig," a form featured in the most recent cinematic take on Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. Clean, soft-soled shoes are a must at the Elley-Long Music Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $5. Info, 899-2378.

drama

'THE LION IN WINTER': See February 15.
'THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES': See February 16.
'THE UNDERPANTS': See February 16.

'BAREFOOT IN THE PARK': The Essex Players present Neil Simon's comedy about post-honeymoon newlyweds learning to live with each other. Memorial Hall, Essex, 8 p.m. $13. Info, 878-9109.

INTERNATIONAL IMPROV COMEDY FESTIVAL: Stand-up teams from New England and Canada trade laughs in an on-the-fly funny fest. Waterfront Theatre, Burlington, 7 & 9 p.m. $10-15. Info, 892-7490.

'THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940': The Valley Players stage John Bishop's witty mystery of what a slasher, who offs chorus girls after a Broadway play flops. Valley Players Theater, Waitsfield, 8 p.m. $12. Info, 583-1774.

film

'USHPIZIN': This film looks at the trials of being an Orthodox Jew in modern-day Israel. Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury, 7 p.m. $6.50. Info, 748-2600.

'THE KILLING FIELDS': Guilty memories haunt an American journalist after he's forced to leave his Cambodian friend at the mercy of the Khmer Rouge. Vermont Law School, South Royalton, 12:45 p.m. Free. Info, 831-1310.

'DO THE RIGHT THING': Racial tensions reach the boiling point on a sweltering Brooklyn day in Spike Lee's 1989 masterpiece. Eclipse Theater, Waitsfield, 8 p.m. $7. Info, 496-8994.

'AFTER THE FOG': Filmmaker Jay Craven interviews local vets about the emotional effects of war and reintegration into civilian life. See "Flick Chick," this issue. City Hall Auditorium, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. $6. Info, 592-3190.

'INTO ME SEE': This documentary demonstrates a spiritual approach to intimate relationships. Unity Church of Vermont, Essex Junction, 7 p.m. $12. Info, 872-1292.

'THE JOURNEY': The Sapphic Cinema series screens this Indian film about a lesbian relationship in idyllic Kerala. R.U.1.2? Community Center, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 860-7812.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

words

BOOK SIGNING: John Morton, who participated in seven Olympics as an athlete, coach and triathlon team leader, reads from *A Medal of Honor*, his novel about athletic ethics. Vermont Ski Museum, Stowe, 5-7 p.m. Free. Info, 253-9911.

talks

'TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE LIVING': Burlington Mayor Peter Clavelle reviews the city's plan for balancing resources and meeting local needs. Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 2 p.m. $5. Info, 865-7192.

'THE SINGER-SONGWRITER': Dartmouth prof A.J. Bascom discusses how musicians like Bob Dylan and Eric Clapton influenced culture and politics in the 1960s and '70s. Faulkner Recital Hall, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. Free. Info, 603-646-2422.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See February 15.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: See February 15, for children ages 3-5.

SOUTH BURLINGTON LIBRARY STORYTIME: See February 17.

MUSIC WITH ROBERT AND GIGI: Kids sing along with Robert Resnik and his fiddle-playing friend Gigi Weisman. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Registration and info, 865-7216.

KIDS' DRAMA CLUB: Pint-sized script readers ages 6 and up play theater games and prepare for a spring show. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 865-7216.

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: See February 16. 10 a.m.

THE POINT SKI & RIDE: Bolton- and coupon-holders hit the slopes for half price, then warm up at an *après-ski* party. Bolton Valley Resort, all day. $25. Info, 223-2087.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See February 15.

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CHOCOLATE DIPPING DEMO: See February 15.
CHARITY BINGO: See February 15.
MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS FESTIVAL: See February 17.

TERTULIA LATINA: Latinoamericanos and other fluent Spanish speakers converse *en español* at Radio Bean, Burlington, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 863-3440.

ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP: Folklorists teach recording tips and techniques at the Vermont Folklife Center, Middlebury, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. $75. Registration and info, 388-4964.

THE RADIATOR: A BENEFIT: Supporters of Burlington's new low-power FM community radio station (WOMM-LP 105.9 FM) and its home, the Radio Bean, listen to the Eames Brothers and imbibe refreshing elixirs. The Harry Hood Gallery, Burlington, 8 p.m. - midnight. $25. Reservations and info, 860-4985.

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music

Also, see clubdates in Section A.

REELACH: See February 17. Chandler Music Hall, Randolph, 7:30 p.m. $22. Info, 728-5464.

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'BLUEPRINT OF A LADY': Grammy-nominated vocalist Nnenna Freelon covers jazz giant Billie Holiday as part of a cross-disciplinary music and dance tribute. See calendar spotlight. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 8 p.m. $25-35. Info, 863-5966.

NATALIE DURHAM: The 16-year-old piano prodigy performs works by Bach and Copland. See calendar spotlight. Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial, South Royalton, 4 p.m. Free, but reservations are required. Info, 763-7742.

THE DOUGHBOYS: Teachers moonlight as musicians in this band debut featuring folk, rock and Latin numbers. Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.

THE NEWSTEAD TRIO: Expect a cross-pollination of cultures and composers from this piano, cello and violin ensemble. Rollins Chapel, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 8 p.m. $24. Info, 603-646-2422.

VYOA PRESTO WINTER CONCERT: The youngest string musicians in the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association perform as an ensemble. Elley-Long Music Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 655-5030.

dance

'BLESSED: A HIP-HOP DANCE LIVE': See February 17, 2 p.m.

DANCE CONCERT: The Vermont-based Appalachian band Sugar Blue plays old-time tunes with close vocal harmonies, mandolin, fiddle and banjo. Cutler Public Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 563-2721.

GREEN MOUNTAIN STEPPERS: Movers take direction from New Hampshire caller Jim Mayo at a Valentine-themed, Western-style square dance. Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, advanced 6:30-7:30 p.m., regular 7:30-10:30 p.m. $10-12. Info, 879-9150.

CAPE BRETON DAY: Step dancing takes center stage with workshops, a fiddle concert and a kitchen party ceilidh leading up to Beolach's evening show. Chandler Music Hall, Randolph, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. $15-60. Info, 728-6464.

CONTRA DANCE: Caller Ron O'Connell keeps dancers moving to tunes for mandolin, fiddle and guitar. Capital City Grange, Montpelier, 8 p.m. $8. Info, 744-6163.

drama

'THE LION IN WINTER': See February 16.

'THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES': See February 16. A different production of the same show takes place at the Chase Community Center, Vermont Law School, South Royalton: reception 6 p.m., performance 7:30 p.m. $8. Info, 831-1366.

SAT 18 >> 14B

THURSDAY 16

ACTION FIGURES

The Green Mountain State prides itself on being... well, green. But with farms foundering and more big box stores eyeing empty fields for development, there's concern over Vermont's environmental future. This week, the Vermont Natural Resources Council, Rural Vermont, the Vermont Public Interest Research Group and the Vermont Alliance of Conservation Voters sponsor a day for concerned citizens to lobby legislators on a pro-environment platform. Issues include efficiency standards for appliances, addressing climate change, protecting farmers from biotech suits, and recognizing groundwater as a public resource not open for tapping by private bottling companies. The unifying theme? Self-reliance.

CITIZEN ACTION DAY **Thursday, February 16, Room 11, Statehouse, Montpelier, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free. Info, 223-8421, ext. 6383.**
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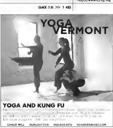

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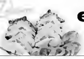

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SAT 18 << 13B

'THE UNDERPANTS': See February 16.
'BAREFOOT IN THE PARK': See February 17. 2 & 8 p.m.
INTERNATIONAL IMPROV COMEDY FESTIVAL: See February 17.
'THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940': See February 17.
'IF IT'S NOT ONE THING, IT'S YOUR MOTHER': The All Saints Players present an original musical comedy drawn from 8 life stories. All Saints Church, South Burlington, 7 p.m. $8. Info, 862-9750.
IMPROV COMEDY NIGHT: College thespians take suggestions from the audience to create extemporaneous scenes. Alumni Auditorium, Champlain College, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 651-5962.

film

'USHPIZIN': See February 17.
'DO THE RIGHT THING': See February 17. 4 p.m.
AFTER THE FOG: See February 17. 8:30 p.m.
'INTO ME SPE': See February 17.
'BUFFALO SOLDIERS': In this documentary, Jamaican immigrants experience back-breaking labor, isolation and cultural borders as they work U.P. tobacco fields. Eclipse Theater, Waitsfield, 7 p.m. $7. Info, 496-8734.
'RIZE': This film chronicles a new dance phenomenon coming up from the streets of South Central Los Angeles. Eclipse Theater, Waitsfield, 4 p.m. $7. Info, 496-8994.
'THREE ROOMS OF MELANCHOLIA': Finnish director Pirjo Honkasalo opens a window on the sorrow and rage experienced by children in war-torn Chechnya. Dana Auditorium, Middlebury College, 3 & 8 p.m. Free. Info, 443-3178.
'PRIDE AND PREJUDICE': Keira Knightley stars as the spunky Elizabeth Bennett in this adaptation of Jane Austen's 18th-century classic. Loew Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 & 9:30 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.
'LAKE PLACID: AN OLYMPIC HISTORY': This documentary mixes old photographs with archival video clips to explain how an Adirondack town became a winter sports capital. Lake Placid Center for the Arts, N.Y., 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 518-523-2512.
'FALLING FORWARD': Jackson Hole's top skiers and riders navigate dangerously deep powder in this winter sports flick. Vermont Ski Museum, Stowe, 6 p.m. $6. Info, 253-9911.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.
LIFE DRAWING: Artists sketch a live model in various poses using a medium of their choice. Studio STK, Burlington, noon - 2 p.m. $10. Info, 657-3333.

talks

VERMONT'S BATTLEFIELDS: Historian Howard Coffin offers an overview of the Champlain Valley's Revolutionary War skirmish sites. Ethan Allen Room, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Montpelier, 1:30 p.m. Free. Info, 223-1872.
'BILLIE HOLIDAY RETOLD': Vermont jazz musician Fred Haas explores the artistic spirit behind the famous vocalist's tragic story. See calendar spotlight. Amy E. Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 863-5966.

NEW & UNDERUSED PERENNIALS: Green thumbs find out which plants are really hardy for Vermont's cold-weather temperatures. Gardener's Supply, Burlington, 9:30-11 a.m. Free. Registration and info, 660-3505.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See February 16.
'SATURDAY STORIES': Librarians read from popular picture books at the Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 878-0313.
BORDERS STORYTIME: Little bookworms listen to stories at Borders, Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 865-2711.
CHILDREN'S STORYTIME: Youngsters take in their favorite tales at the Book Rack & Children's Pages, Essex Junction, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 872-2627.
BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: Kids ages 4 and up settle down for stories at Barnes & Noble, South Burlington, 11 a.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.
MUSIC DEMO: The Newstead Trio plays classical chamber music from China, South America, Russia and Europe at this session for young listeners. Alumni Hall, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 11 a.m. Free. Info, 603-646-2010.

sport

'FURRY FLURRY': Animal lovers and athletes run, ski or snowshoe to help keep canines out of the cold. Leashed dogs are welcome at the Bolton Valley Resort Sports Center, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. $8-14. Registration and info, 862-0135, ext. 106.
SOUTHERN VERMONT PRIMITIVE BIATHLON: Muzzleloading firearm enthusiasts compete in target shooting and snowshoeing during a two-day wilderness-endurance competition. Skinner Hollow Farm, Manchester, 8 a.m. $18; free to watch. Registration and info, 362-2568.
YOGA OUTREACH: Flexible folks of all levels of practice take a donation-based drop-in yoga class to benefit local Sudanese refugee Simon Akeny. Yoga Vermont, Burlington, noon - 1:30 p.m. $12. Info, 660-9718.
DUXBURY SNOWSHOE: Experienced winter hikers map out a 5-plus-mile trek up Camel's Hump. Call for meeting location and time. Free. Info, 888-3378.
WORCESTER MOUNTAIN: A moderate snowshoe trip keeps muscles moving. Call for meeting location, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 229-6989.
SNOWSHOE WALK: Birders seek out winter ducks and other cold-weather birds in Muddy Brook Park, Williston, 8 a.m. - noon. Free. Info, 879-4490.

activism

WAR TAX RESISTANCE WORKSHOP: Citizens explore options for withholding funds that would otherwise pay the Pentagon. Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier, 10 a.m. - noon. Free. Info, 479-3154.

etc

'RAPTOR RESCUE': See February 16.
'RAPTORS UP CLOSE': See February 15.
CHARITY BINGO: See February 16.
MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS FESTIVAL: See February 16.
'NATURALIST'S CHOICE': An on-site naturalist profile talks about the environmental impact of any one of these Vermont fauna: coyotes, bats, bears, loons, turkeys and moose. VINS Nature Center, Quechee, 12:30 p.m. $8. Info, 359-5000.
THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT: The Audubon Society sponsors a nationwide tally of winged wildlife. See calendar spotlight. Birds of Vermont Museum, Huntington, noon - 4 p.m. Free. Info, 434-2167.
SNOWSHOE, MAP & COMPASS WORKSHOP: Advanced backpackers learn to find their way mid-winter. Back Forty Lodge, GMC Club, Waterbury Center, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. $56. Registration and info, 244-7037.
BOOK & BAKE SALE: Paperbacks and pecan sandies go hand-in-hand for voracious readers at the Warren Town Hall, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free. Info, 496-3913.
IGLOO BUILDING: An expert lets volunteers in on the secrets of snow construction. Montshire Museum, Norwich, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. $9. Info, 649-2200.
SLEIGH RIDES: Weather permitting, jingling horses trot visitors over the snow on a wintry tour of Woodhorse Farms. Rides depart every half-hour from the Welcome Center, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. $5-7. Info, 758-8442.
SLEIGH RIDE WEEKEND: After a horse-drawn trip, visitors to this working dairy farm go sledding and learn what kind of cookies different U.S. presidents liked best. Billings Farm & Museum, Woodstock, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. $10. Info, 457-2355.
DESSERT THEATRE: Magician Christopher McBride shows what's up his sleeves while audience members taste rich chocolate treats. Trillium Cafe, Hinesburg, 6 & 7:30 p.m. $20. Info, 482-6727.
BAKED CHICKEN DINNER: Crispy poultry and a vegetarian alternative cozy up to rice, greens, homemade rolls and beverages at the Richmond Congregational Church, 5:30-7 p.m. $7.50. Info, 434-2953.
TIME & TALENT AUCTION: Bid on household repairs, baked goods or snow shoveling service at the Richmond Congregational Church, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 434-2053.
CABIN FEVER BENEFIT: 1960s rockers The Buckinghams, famous for their hit single "Kind of a Drag," play uptempo tunes at a fundraiser for a local humane society. Killington Grand Hotel, cocktail party 6 p.m., dance 7 p.m. $50. Info, 672-5302.

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music

Also, see clubdates in Section A.
PATRICK STREET: See February 17. Paramount Theatre, Rutland, 7 p.m. $28. Info, 773-0093.
THE GRYPHON TRIO: Violinist Eugene Drucker of the Emerson String Quartet collaborates with pianist Diane Walsh and cellist Roberta Cooper in works by Handel, Haydn and Beethoven. Unitarian Church, Montpelier, 4 p.m. $18. Info, 476-8188.
GOSPELFEST 2006: Three area gospel choirs join forces for spiritual celebration. Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 8 p.m. $12. Info, 863-5966.
VERMONT PHILHARMONIC: Award-winning Vermont pianist Xin Gan Lin solos with the ensemble in a concert of works highlighting humor. Chandler Music Hall, Randolph, 3:30 p.m. $18. Info, 476-8186.

KIRTAN SINGING: Yoga students stretch their vocal cords with chants in Sanskrit. Yoga Vermont, Burlington, 7-9 p.m. Free. Info, 660-9718.
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE GOSPEL CHOIR: A guest vocalist and musicians from Chicago join in on songs that mix gospel with rock and salsa. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 2 p.m. $12. Info, 603-646-2422.
BRUNCH WITH BACH: Horn player Lydia Busler-Blais and pianist Elizabeth Metcalfe play works by Beethoven as well as a solo horn piece by Northfield composer Dennis Bathory-Kitsz. Norwich University, Northfield, noon. $18 includes brunch. Reservations and info, 485-2446.

drama

'THE LION IN WINTER': See February 18. 8 p.m.
'BAREFOOT IN THE PARK': See February 17. 2 p.m.
INTERNATIONAL IMPROV COMEDY FESTIVAL: See February 17. 7 p.m. only.
'THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940': See February 17.
'IF IT'S NOT ONE THING, IT'S YOUR MOTHER': See February 18. 8 p.m.

film

'USHPIZIN': See February 17.
'DO THE RIGHT THING': See February 17. 4 p.m.
BUFFALO SOLDIERS: See February 17. 2 p.m.
'RIZE': See February 18. 2 p.m.
'SUNRISE': A man must choose between his loving wife and a tempting mistress in F.W. Murnau's 1927 classic. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7:30 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See February 18.

sport

SOUTHERN VERMONT PRIMITIVE BIATHLON: See February 18.
BUTLER LODGE SNOWSHOE: This 7-mile loop incorporates a portion of the Long Trail. Call for Underhill-area meeting location, 8:30 a.m. Free. Info, 223-0018.
FOUR SQUARE GAME: Adult athletes try to bounce balls through each other's territory in this playful revival of a schoolyard pastime. Champlain Elementary School, Burlington, 2-4 p.m. $5. Info, 508-942-3403.
'WATER EVERYWHERE': Travelers snowshoe past three ponds in this moderate, 6-plus-mile hike in the Adirondacks. Call for meeting location and time. Free. Info, 873-1148.

etc

'RAPTOR RESCUE': See February 18.
'RAPTORS UP CLOSE': See February 18.
CHARITY BINGO: See February 18. 2 & 7 p.m.
MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS FESTIVAL: See February 16.
'NATURALIST'S CHOICE': See February 18.
SLEIGH RIDES: See February 18.
SLEIGH RIDE WEEKEND: See February 18.

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GULLAH STORYTELLING: Anita Singleton Prather becomes "Aunt Pearlie Sue" for a foray into the unique culture of the South Carolina and Georgia sea islands. See calendar spotlight. Haybarn Theater, Goddard College, Plainfield, 8 p.m. Donations. Info, 454-7367, ext. 3.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST: Morning diners chow down on ham and eggs, blueberry pancakes with maple syrup, and fresh OJ. St. Mary's Parish Center, St. Albans, 8 a.m. - noon. $6. Info, 524-4750.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES FLEA MARKET: Treasure hunters find bargains at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Barre, preview 7 a.m., market 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. $1-3. Info, 454-1953.

MON.20

music

Also, see clubdates in Section A.

THE GEMINI TRIO: See February 18. Bundy Center for the Arts, Waitsfield, 4 p.m. $25. Info, 496-9734.

SAMBATUCADA! REHEARSAL: Percussive people pound out carnival rhythms at an open meeting of this Brazilian-style community drumming troupe. Switchback Brewery, Burlington, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 863-0632.

AMATEUR MUSICIANS ORCHESTRA: Community players of all abilities and levels of experience practice pieces and welcome new members. South Burlington High School, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $8. Info, 686-9750.

film

'USHPIZIN': See February 17.

'KEEPER 9/11': This documentary makes the case that the U.S. government was complicit in the September 11, 2001 attacks. Marsh Life Science Building Auditorium, UVM, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 363-2256.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

COMMUNITY DARKROOM: See February 16.

LIFE DRAWING SESSION: Creative types try a hand at sketching. Wolfe Kahn Building, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, 6-8 p.m. $7. Info, 635-1769.

words

CONTEMPORARY FICTION: Readers review Philip Roth's novel, *The Plot Against America*. Barnes & Noble, South Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.

talks

'KEY MOMENTS IN HELL': UVM English professor emeritus Bill Stephany explores the partisan politics described in Canto 10 of Dante's *Inferno*. Fifth United Methodist Church, South Burlington, 2 p.m. $5. Info, 660-7192.

LINCOLN LECTURE SERIES: David Hymn, former Addison County Forester and founder of Vermont Family Forests, talks about global warming, peak oil and building communities with diverse habitats. Lincoln Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 453-2665.

MON 20 >> 16B

SATURDAY 18

LADY LIKE

Born Eleanora Fagan in 1915 Philadelphia, jazz icon Billie Holiday lived and sang for a short 44 years. Turbulent life experiences, including alcohol and heroin addictions, colored her impressive voice and ended her career "too soon, too soon." With her recent album *Blueprint of a Lady*, Grammy nominee Nnenna Freelon dispels the portrayal of Holiday as only a victim, focusing instead on Lady Day's vibrant sensuality and groundbreaking success as an artist, composer, actress and social activist. Freelon collaborates with the Ronald K. Brown/EVIDENCE dance troupe in a multimedia stage show tribute to Holiday, with vivid and energetic routines set to Freelon's vocals on "Strange Fruit," "God Bless the Child" and "Lover Man." Vermont jazz musician Fred Haas sketches Holiday's strengths in a pre-show talk.

BLUEPRINT OF A LADY' **Saturday, February 18, Flynn MainStage, Burlington, 8 p.m. $25-35. Info, 863-5966. http://www.nnenna.com**

BILLIE HOLIDAY RETOLD **Saturday, February 18, Amy E. Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 863-5966.**

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MON 20 << 15B

sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: See February 15. 10 a.m.

WORCESTER SKI: Back-country fans commemorate Presidents Day with a 5-hour-plus tour on the Eagle Ledge loop. Call for meeting location and time. Free. Info, 223 7035.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See February 15.

etc

CHOCOLATE DIPPING DEMO: See February 15.

MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS FESTIVAL: See February 16.

SLEIGH RIDE WEEKEND: See February 18.

TUE.21

music

Also, see clubdates in Section A.

CLASSICAL DUO: Pianist Wu Han accompanies cellist David Finckel of the Emerson Quartet on sonatas by Rachmaninoff and Prokofiev, and a work composed especially for this pair by Lera Auerbach. Concert Hall, Middlebury College Center for the Arts, 7:30 p.m. $12. Info, 443-6433.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CHORUS: Male music makers rehearse barbershop singing and quartetting at St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Info, 655-2962.

dance

SWING DANCING: Quick-footed folks learn and practice hep cat rock steps at the Champlain Club, Burlington, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $3. Info, 860-7501.

drama

OPEN REHEARSAL: Vermont Playback Theatre invites new members to take a turn at transforming life stories into on-the-spot community-building. Call for Charlotte-area location, 6:45-9 p.m. Free. Info, 658-2227.

film

'USHPIZIN': See February 17.

'RED STATE ROAD TRIP': Filmmaker Chris Hume shares his 5000-mile journey to interview Americans about current affairs. Middle Earth Music Hall, Bradford, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 222-4748.

'DANGEROUS LIVING': This documentary subtitled "Coming Out in the Developing World" examines the struggles of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in non-Western cultures. Black Sheep Books, Montpelier, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 225-8906.

art

Also, see exhibitions in Section A.

'THE ONLY RULE I TRUST IS MY OWN': Four female Spanish artists take politics personally in a multimedia presentation. Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building, UVM, Burlington, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 656-1227.

words

BURLINGTON WRITERS GROUP: Bring pencil, paper and the will to be inspired to the Daily Planet, Burlington, 7-9 p.m. Free. Info, 758-2287.

'WEST BY SOUTHWEST' SERIES: Readers explore cultural myths about the American West depicted in Leslie Marmon Silko's *Storyteller*. Swanton Public Library, Enosburg Falls, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 933-4375.

talks

'LOOKING BACK AT VERMONT': Photography fans get an overview of Farm Security Administration snaps shot around the state between 1936 and 1942. Stowe Free Library, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info, 253-6145.

DRY-STONE WALLS: Master dry-craftsman Dan Snow of Brattleboro talks about building steps, foundations and arches — without any mortar. Sahel Public Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 543-2721.

MAKING SOYMILK: Bill Pelton, a former director of food service at Goddard College, explains how to make homemade alternatives to pre-packaged vegan foods. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 6-7:30 p.m. $5. Registration and info, 223-8004, ext. 202.

'VERMONT'S TOWN MEETING TRADITION': Political expert Susan Stark explains how to strengthen this small-scale democratic institution. Westford Public Library, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 878-5639.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR ROAD TRIP: Raymond Houghton, author of several historical car tour guides, offers a virtual trip through historic sites along Route 7. Pierson Library, Shelburne, 2:30 p.m. Free. Info, 985-6124.

CHARLOTTE'S SISTER CITY: Travelers to Lumberton, Mississippi, deliver a firsthand report on the effects of Hurricane Katrina. Charlotte Senior Center, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 425-6106.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See February 15.

BROWNELL LIBRARY STORYTIME: See February 15. Toddlers take the floor with Ivan First, 9-10:4 30 a.m.

SOUTH BURLINGTON LIBRARY STORYTIME: See February 15. For babies and toddlers up to age 3.

MUSIC WITH RAPPAT AND GOOF: See February 17.

TODDLER AND UNDER STORYTIME: Wee ones up to age 3 open their ears to songs and stories. South Burlington Community Library, 10 a.m. Free. Info, 652-7080.

ECHO STORYTIME: Young explorers discover the wonders of the natural world through books and imaginative play. ECHO Center, Burlington, 11 a.m. $6-9. Info, 864-1848.

'A DAY AT THE FARM': Students in break help feed Jerseys, churn butter and bake cookies. Billings Farm & Museum, Woodstock, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. $35. Registration and info, 457-2355.

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See February 15.

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CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See February 15.

CHARITY BINGO: See February 15.

MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS FESTIVAL: See February 16.

PAIRS CAFÉ: Novice and fluent French speakers brush up on their linguistics — *en français*. Borders Café, Burlington, 6 p.m. Free. Info, 655-1346.

'RETURNING TO LEARNING': Adults consider enrolling in college during this workshop at the Salt Hollow Career Center, Swanton Falls, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 800-642-3177.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS: Women with small kids convene for child-free conversation and crafts. Green Mountain Community Alliance Church, Waterbury, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 244-5665.

MORNING OBSERVATION: Parents get a peek at Waldorf education in action, for both grade school and preschool classes. Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Shelburne, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Free. Reservations and info, 985-2827.

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music

Also, see clubdates in Section A.

ST. ANDREWS PIPES & DRUMS: See February 15.

FELLOWSHIP CONCERT: Dartmouth senior and psych major A.J. Bascom plays acoustic and electric guitar at a show stemming from his research on singer-songwriters. Spaulding Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. Free. Info, 603-646-2422.

dance

'SALSALINA' PRACTICE: See February 15.

drama

DROP-IN IMPROV: See February 15.

'THE UNDERPANTS': See February 16.

'DREADFUL SORRY GUYS': This theater-and-music piece by a one professor Stuart Stevens documents the reaction to the 1998 California hate-crime double-murder of two gay men. McCullough Social Space, Middlebury College, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 443-6433.

PLAY READING GROUP: Theatre on a Shoestring convenes thespians for a fun, non-competitive evening of reading roles in different dramas. Call for Burlington-area meeting location, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 888-212-5084.

film

'USHPIZIN': See February 17.

'THE PASSENGER': Jack Nicholson plays a washed-out writer who assumes the life of a dead man and then plummets into the seedy world of international arms dealing. Loew Auditorium, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 7 p.m. $7. Info, 603-646-2422.

'WHAT THE BLEEP DO WE KNOW?': This documentary-esque film probes quantum physics and neurological processes to ask whether spirituality and science point to the same universal truths. Shelburne Town Hall, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 985-8901.

art

See exhibitions in Section A.

words

POETRY OPEN MIKE: See February 15.

BOOK SIGNING: UVM professor Tony Magistrale talks about the most significant horror films of the 20th century as an intro to his book, *Abject Terrors*, which surveys the genre. Barnes & Noble, South Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 864-8001.

talks

'SEEDSTARTING FOR LESS': Gardeners dig into springtime with help from organic expert Ron Krupp. Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 865-7211.

'SPRIGHTLY STEPS': Musician and local historian Adam Boyce talks about Vermont's contra and square-dancing traditions. Willey Building, Cabot, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 563-2666.

MEDIA LITERACY TALK: UVM professor and Burlington artist Katharine Montgomery discusses the vibrant relationship between media art and feminism. Channel 17, Burlington, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 862-3966, ext. 15.

FORESTRY TALK: Thom McEvoy, a UVM forestry professor and expert on woodland estate planning, explains how best to make room for trees as Vermont changes. Bryan Memorial Art Gallery, Jeffersonville, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 644-2478.

'THE KARAKORAM HIGHWAY & THE SILK ROAD': Globetrotter Ruth Stritter shares images from her adventures in the former Soviet Union. Village Lodge, Smugglers' Notch, 2 p.m. Free. Info, 644-1293.

kids

ANIMAL FEEDING: See February 15.

BARNES & NOBLE STORYTIME: See February 15.

BROWNELL LIBRARY STORYTIME: See February 15.

WESTFORD PLAYGROUP: See February 15.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: See February 15.

HINESBURG PLAYGROUP: See February 15.

WATERBURY STORYTIME: See February 15.

'MOVING & GROOVING': See February 15.

'A DAY AT THE FARM': See February 21.

DISCOVERY PROGRAM: Preschoolers learn about chipmunks and other furry, tree-climbing creatures. VINS North Branch Nature Center, Montpelier, 9:30-11 a.m. $8. Registration and info, 229-6206.

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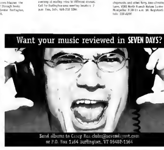

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sport

SENIOR EXERCISE: See February 15

activism

BURLINGTON PEACE VIGIL: See February 15
INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS: See February 15
MERGER TASK FORCE: See February 15. Lincoln Hall, Essex Junction.
MAYORAL DEBATE: The three candidates for Burlington's top municipal job discuss each other's plans for the future of the city. See story, this issue. Burlington City Hall Auditorium, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Info, 862-9[illegible].

etc

"RAPTOR RESCUE": See February 15
"RAPTORS UP CLOSE": See February 15
CHOCOLATE-DIPPING DEMO: See February 15
ESL GROUP: See February 15
CHESS GROUP: See February 15
KNITTING POSSE: See February 15
VETERANS JOB NETWORKING: See February 15
CHARITY BINGO: See February 15
CAREER ACCESS LAB: See February 15
CAREER FOCUS: See February 15. Cold Hollow Career Center, Enosburg Falls, 8 a.m. - noon. Free. Registration and info, 800-642-3177.
MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS FESTIVAL: See February 15.
KNITTING & RUG HOOKING: Fiber gurus create scarves, hats and mats at the Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, 6:30 p.m. Free. Info, 247-0050.
WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS CHAPTER MEETING: Leaders of small companies learn how to map successes with a goals planning process. Threadneedle Fabrics, Essex, 4-8 p.m. Free, bring a brown bag dinner. Reservations and info, 363-92[illegible].
SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH: Back-to-schoolers get tips on finding funding. Community College of Vermont, Burlington, noon - 1:30 p.m. Free. Registration and info, 800-642-3177.
NATURAL FIRST-AID WORKSHOP: Participants learn which herbal remedies work in a pinch. Hunger Mountain Co-op, Montpelier, 6-7:45 p.m. $5. Registration and info, 223-8004, ext. 202.
TOASTMASTERS CLUB: Amateur orators sharpen their speaking skills before a supportive audience. Ethan Allen Club, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. Info, 872-0155.
"BUSINESS AFTER HOURS": Businesspeople dress up as movie stars, stage hands and paparazzi at a red carpet-themed Chamber of Commerce mixer. Hampton Inn, Colchester, 5:30-7:30 p.m. $10-15. Info, 863-3489, ext. 211.

SATURDAY 18

KEEPING TIME

History buffs know that Mormonism's founder Joseph Smith was born on December 23, 1805 in Sharon, Vermont. He headed west after being persecuted for his religious beliefs. Members of the Church of Latter Day Saints consider Smith a prophet, and in 1905 outfitted his birthplace with a polished shaft of Barre granite that stands 38 and a half feet — one foot for every year of Smith's life. During this 200th anniversary of Smith's birth, the memorial's visitor center hosts a series of concerts. This week's features 16-year-old piano prodigy Natalie Durham, who performed at Carnegie Hall last May. Durham plays Bach's "Partita No. 4" and Aaron Copland's "Piano Blues No. 3."

NATALIE DURHAM **Saturday, February 18. Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial, South Royalton, 8 p.m. Free, but reservations are required. Info, 763-7742.**
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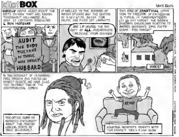
SURELY YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE RIOTS BY NOW THAT ARE RAGING THROUGHOUT HOLLYWOOD ALL OVER 12 CARTOONS RIDICULING L RON HUBBARD
AUDIT THE BODY THETANS OF THOSE WHO INSULT HUBBARD
IT HAS LED TO THE BURNING OF MAJOR STUDIOS AND THE DEATHS OF 4 KEY GRIPS. SO FAR TOM CRUISE HAS FILED 357 LAWSUITS
AND I'M URGING THE BOYCOTT OF ALL PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICINE FROM DENMARK
THIS KIND OF FANATICAL OPPOSITION TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IS TYPICAL OF FUNDAMENTALISTS. LET US NOT FORGET THE BRANCH DAVIDIAN'S OVERBLOWN REACTION TO ANDRES SERRANO'S 1993 PHOTOGRAPH "PISS KORESH"
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OGG'S WORLD

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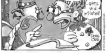
Who are you to decide that it's not already a little baby snake?
Just look at it! It's nothing but a lifeless piece of rubber
—UNTIL it's inflated!
DOUG OGG
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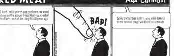
Nothing has more sharply divided the clown community than the debate over when existence actually begins for balloon animals

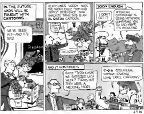
RED MEAT

mirth's tattered hand-me-downs

from the secret files of Max Cannon


O Lord, with your divine guidance, we must convince the school board that you created this Earth—and all life—only 5,000 years ago
BAP!
Sorry about that, kiddo... you were taking some serious crazy talk there for a minute

TED RALL


IN THE FUTURE WARS WILL BE FOUGHT WITH CARTOONS
WE'VE BEEN HIT—AND IT'S BAD
Prezdent
HEAVY LINES. WORDY. NOTE THE INEXPLICABLE "TOM AND JERRY" REFERENCE. NSA ANALYSTS THINK THIS IS AN AL QAEDA CARTOON.
BASTARDS!
SOON ENOUGH
I DON'T GET IT
AMERICAN CARTOONIST IS USING METAPHOR COMPARING YOU TO BAD MOVIE. IT'S INSULTING
AND IT CONTINUES
THOSE "TERRORISTS" WE SATIRIZED LAST WEEK? TURNS OUT THEY WERE A WEDDING PARTY
@#%! COLLATERAL DAMAGE CAUSING LAME LAPEL CARTOONS!
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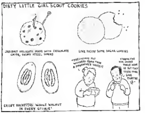
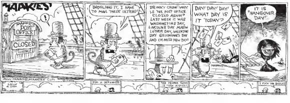

DIRTY LITTLE GIRL SCOUT COOKIES
JAILBAIT DELIGHTS MADE WITH CHOCOLATE CHIPS, SHINY STEEL HOOKS
GIVE DADDY SOME SUGAR COOKIES
CRISPY VULVETTES WHOLE WALNUT IN EVERY COOKIE!
PRECOCIOUS NUT WONDERS MORE THAN A MOUTHFUL'S WORTH
I KNOW THE BOX SWORE THESE WERE 18 BUT THEY TASTE MORE LIKE THEY'RE 12—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CLOSED
DADBLANG IT, I HAVE TO MAIL THESE LETTERS!
DRINKY CROW WHY IS THE POST OFFICE CLOSED AGAIN? LAST WEEK IT WAS WASHINGTON'S DAY, LINCOLN'S DAY, MARTIN LUTHER DAY, VALENTINE DAY, GROUNDHOG'S DAY AND CHINESE NEW DAY!
DAY! DAY! DAY! WHAT DAY IS IT TODAY?
IT IS "HANGOVER DAY"
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I'M A SEXAHOLIC
I FUCK THE BOTTLES

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And if my life depended on it, I'd go to the ends of the earth for you."

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BY CECIL ADAMS

ALL WORTHWHILE HUMAN KNOWLEDGE

ILLUSTRATION: SLUG SIGNORINO

Dear Cecil,
In 1989, when I was a freshman at Baylor University in Texas, I was driving one evening to meet friends for dinner. I came over a hill and noticed a car in its last of several flips in a ditch on the side of the road. I quickly pulled over. The driver jumped out screaming — his buddy in the passenger seat had been thrown from the car. Another person stopped and noticed a body pinned under the front bumper in the ditch. I grabbed the driver's side of the car and lifted it up 4 or so feet, long enough to realize the guy was unfortunately dead.
heavenlyrest, via the Straight Dope Message Board

Cecil,
About 15 years ago I had a friend named Jerry who was about 6-5 and one of the strongest people I ever knew. He picked up cars regularly. I don't mean completely off the ground, but I do mean two wheels. He lifted the right half of my 1984 Toyota Corolla GT-S about 12 inches off the ground.
Cheesy, via the Straight Dope Message Board

Cecil,
I am Anthony Vincent Cavallo II. I am writing you because I can. My mom did save my life! The story was a little off. The wheel was never removed from the car; the rear suspension spring was (thats what holds up the rear of the car). I was clamped between the top of the rear wheel and the top of the fender. My mom may not have lifted it a full 4 inches, but she held it up so friends could get a jack under it and pull me out. Ironically, I have continued my automotive education and now run five Goodyear tire stores.
Anthony V. Cavallo II, via email

That was part of your automotive education? Man, kids think their homework now is a bitch. Thanks to testimonials like yours, plus a little additional investigation, I'm now ready to deliver my solemn judgment on superhuman strength. First, a last few facts:

• I found out more about Sinjin Eberle, the guy who pushed the 500-pound rock off himself, having obtained the original report in *Accidents in North American Mountaineering* from editor Jed Williamson. On May 9, 1999, Eberle and Marc Beverly were climbing Hail Peak in New Mexico's Sandia Mountain Wilderness when Eberle inadvertently pulled loose a large boulder, which fell on top of him as Beverly watched helplessly from above. "All I could see of Sinjin was from the middle of his chest down and the top of his head," Beverly wrote. "The rock covered the rest of his body and was dragging him down the slope I had just crossed." Somehow, with the inertia of the rock ... and all of his strength, Sinjin was able to get the rock off himself, but sustained serious injuries and was eventually flown to a hospital by helicopter. Eberle himself minimizes his contribution: "The rock fell onto me, but I was on about a 45 degree slope," he tells me via email. "The rock slid over me to the nearby cliff, where it went over and I did not."

• Little Ed, proving he's not a total waste of hydrocarbons, obtained the following account from Wendell Pew, a retired minister. On July 27, 1957, Pew, then 29, was driving through eastern Nebraska with his wife, Lois, and their two small children. He pulled into a crossroads without noticing an approaching vehicle, which smashed into his right front side. Lois was thrown from the car, which then rolled over her, coming to rest with the right rear tire on her shoulder as she lay face down. Pew grabbed the fender and pulled up, taking enough weight off the still-conscious Lois that she was able to free herself. She suffered numerous broken bones and was hospitalized for 15 weeks but recovered fully. Pew describes himself as 5'11", 180 to 190 pounds at the time, and athletic, and says the car, a 1953 Studebaker Champion, was light. Could he have lifted it under normal conditions? No idea.

Conclusions: (1) Some people can lift up cars, etc., in moments of extremity. (2) Some people can lift up cars any old time. (3) Many supposedly superhuman feats of strength are less impressive on close inquiry. (4) Just the same, Sinjin Eberle, Angela Cavallo, and Wendell Pew seem folks I'd care to count during a crisis. (5) Science confirms that stimuli such as adrenaline can modestly boost performance. (6) No one seriously contends that humans can do things beyond the physiological limits of bone, muscle, and sinew, so none of the above is a real shocker. (7) No matter how superhumanly hard you try, you're still going to get some detail of a story told over the phone garbled up. Sorry about the accident specifics, Tony. And say hi to your mom.

CECIL ADAMS

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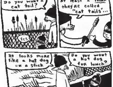
CAT TAIL
Do you want a cat tail?
Yes
At least I think they're called "cat tails"...
It looks more like a hot dog on a stick
Do you want a hot dog for lunch?

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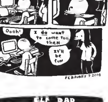
GROCERY SHOPPERS
Do you want to come to the grocery store with me?
Will you be really sexy at the store?
Yes
Oooh!
I do want to come too then
It'll be fun

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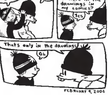
ELF DAD
where's your big ear?
huh?
You mean the big ears that I have in the drawings in my comics?
Yes
That's only in the drawings
Oh

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FEBRUARY 16-22

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): In his book *And They All Sang*, Studs Terkel interviewed jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie. "When people say, 'I don't understand your music,'" reported Gillespie, "I say, 'Don't try to understand it; just try to *feel* it.'" That's excellent advice to keep in mind as you weave your way through the complicated, visionary, revelatory works ahead. Full comprehension of the meaning of this era may not be available until later. But that won't be a problem if you live your life as if it were a song you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): "Dear Dr. Brezsny: I dreamed that an angel who looked like Angelina Jolie was teaching me how to gather energy high in the sky and release it in the form of lightning bolts. It required great upper arm strength because I had to make broad, sweeping motions with my arms that gathered the necessary electricity into a vortex that would serve as my launching area. I was exhilarated, though nervous about how much force I had at my disposal. What does my dream mean? — Taurus with Goose Bumps." Dear Taurus: Your dream is a symbol of the situation many Bulls are facing right now. You have enormous energy at your disposal. Here's my advice: *Don't* use your lightning bolts to intimidate people and smite those that have offended you. Instead, put on a demonstration of strength, empowering everyone — adversaries and allies alike — with your ability to command great power responsibly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Last Christmas Day I had dinner at a sushi restaurant in downtown San Rafael, CA. The place was deserted except for a drunk at the bar, me and my two companions, and the table next to us, which was occupied by actors Sean Penn and Robin Wright and their daughter. I thought of going over to compliment Robin on her work in various films and to tell Sean how much I loved his articles in the *San Francisco Chronicle* about his travels in Iraq, but I decided against it. *Don't* follow my example in the coming week, Gemini. Express your appreciation to those whose work has inspired you, even at the risk of appearing foolish. It's a perfect moment to explore the emotions of admiration and respect, and to pay homage to your influences.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The mayor of Las Vegas has suggested a novel idea for discouraging graffiti on his city's highway walls. Oscar Goodman recommends televised spectacles in which the vandals' thumbs are cut off. His proposed punishment goes too far for my tastes, but I wonder if you might approve of it. Lately you've been having bouts of overreaction, entertaining extreme fantasies in response to circumstances that don't necessarily warrant them. I'm not saying your intense emotions are completely unjustified, Cancerian, nor do I recommend that you repress them. I'm simply asking you to let some time pass before you take action on your feelings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An executive at the UK's biggest pharmaceutical company admitted that most prescription medicines aren't very effective. "The vast majority of drugs only work in 30 or 50 per cent of the people," said Allen Roses of GlaxoSmithKline. His explanation: Many patients have idiosyncratic genes that prevent the medicines from functioning as they were designed to. In my opinion, Leo, there's a similar principle at work regarding just about everything that conventional wisdom says is good for you. That's always important to keep in mind, of course, but especially for you right now. More than ever, you'll benefit profoundly from not only questioning authorities and experts but giving them the third degree.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The elegant, shimmering fabric known as silk is obtained from the cocoon of a worm larva. Typically the cocoon is dunked in boiling water to kill the pupa inside before it can chew its way out. Another precious material with gross origins is ambergris. It's a foul-smelling excrement that sperm whales vomit. After years of exposure to the sun while floating on the ocean, it transforms into an aromatic, waxy substance that's used as a major ingredient in perfume. Silk and ambergris are your personal power symbols in the coming week, Virgo. I predict that you'll turn crap into treasure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "Mirrors should think longer before they reflect," said French filmmaker Jean Cocteau. That's especially true for you this week, Libra. You shouldn't automatically believe every bit of feedback about yourself that comes your way, either from mirrors or any other source. Be skeptical of every image that people have of you, and don't sit there passively while they barrage you with their expectations. In order to further upgrade your integrity (a project I hope you're in the midst of), you may have to make yourself immune, at least temporarily, to what everyone thinks of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Imagine that you're a circus acrobat whose specialty is working high in the air. You're skilled at swinging from one trapeze to another. You have utmost confidence in your timing and concentration and grip, so that when you let go of one bar and are flying toward the next, there's no doubt you'll make it. I believe that your life has now brought you to a transition that's metaphorically similar to the moment of being in between trapezes. Don't think too hard as you soar across the abyss; trust your instincts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sagittarian Shirley Chisholm was the first black woman elected to Congress. While serving seven terms, she was an outspoken warrior who fought tirelessly for the rights of women, minorities, and the poor. "My greatest political asset, which professional politicians fear," she said, "is my mouth, out of which comes all kinds of things one shouldn't always discuss for reasons of political expediency." Yet one of Chisholm's most famous exploits was her visit to segregationist politician George Wallace in the hospital after he was shot. Her supporters complained that she was consorting with the enemy, but years later it paid off: Wallace helped her win the votes of southern congressmen when she sponsored legislation to give domestic workers a minimum wage. Be like Chisholm this week, Sagittarius. Even as you open your big mouth to articulate controversial truths, reach out to those who disagree with you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Readers sometimes ask me about Ophiuchus, the supposed 13th constellation. They've heard that it should be included in astrological thinking, and that it messes up the whole zodiacal system. Here's the truth: The proponents of Ophiuchus are self-described debunkers who hate astrology. Furthermore, they haven't actually taken the trouble to educate themselves about the ancient art. If they did even a smattering of honest investigation, they'd see how irrelevant their theory is. Let this serve as a cautionary tale, Capricorn. Right now it's crucial that you get your facts straight before critiquing anyone. Make sure that those who want to analyze you do the same. And beware of red herrings, straw men, and fool's gold.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Fashion designer Ennio Capasa was asked if he found his work difficult. "If it wasn't difficult I wouldn't enjoy it," he replied. That's the kind of activity you will specialize in during the coming week, Aquarius. The more it stretches your capacity and forces you to dig deeper into your self-discipline and willpower and resourcefulness, the happier you'll be — and the more successful, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Life is stark at the U.S. Navy base in Guantanamo Bay, even for the people who aren't imprisoned there. *Newsday* reports that there are 23 men for every woman among the 2,900 free Americans. Raccoon-sized rats are fixtures in the local wildlife. The border between the base and the rest of Cuba is littered with underground mines. In recent months, however, a few luxuries have begun to arrive. There's now a Starbucks, Pizza Hut, and miniature golf course. I don't want to make light of the situation, but I do want these new developments to serve as a metaphor for you. What's the most desolate, forbidding area of your psyche? Build the equivalent of a miniature golf course there.

7Dcrossword

last week's answers on page 36B

ACROSS
1 Half kittens?
6 Frolic
9 Elsie's appendage
14 Gather
19 Come unglued
20 Spread in a tub
21 Sib's kid
22 Send the money
23 Tai —
24 Balmy
25 Build a barrier
26 Where Athenians assembled
27 Combative
30 Speaker of remark at 34 Across
31 Sloth's anger
32 Bone-dry
33 Lubricate
34 Start of remark
43 Dogpatch's Daisy —
44 Inventor Howe
45 — Grande
46 Chirp
48 Bronte's "— Grey"
51 More aloof
53 Merino male
54 Emulate Arachne
56 Summarize
57 Rocker Morrison
58 "Gracious me!"
60 Actress Wendy
61 Dignified
63 Writer Bret
65 Church instrument
66 Part 2 of remark
69 With 29 Down, "Touched by an Angel" star
72 Loosen
73 Gives in to gravity
77 Not so messy
78 Ill. town
79 83 Across' mate
81 Rock's — Trick
83 Like Yale's walls
84 — degree
85 Day or Duke
87 Yaphet of "Homicide"
88 Saucepan
89 Actress MacGraw
90 Got the soap off
92 "Sea Hunt" shocker
93 Part 3 of remark
101 — G. Carroll
103 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin
105 Ferris-wheel unit
109 End of remark
110 Texas town
115 Tycoon
116 Time on the throne
117 Word with pad or prowler
118 Equipment
119 Disintegrate
120 Football's Herbs
121 Frank or Frankie
122 Peruvian Indian
123 Gardening tool
124 Elbowed
125 Dandelion, for one
126 Playwright Coward

DOWN
1 Singer Stoke
2 Sitarist Shankar
3 Domestic
4 Connect
5 Bookstore section
6 Ken or Lena
7 Dissolve
8 Seal school
9 Open Old Glory
10 Fuel choice
11 Lions' lairs
12 "Beneath" to Brutus
13 Virginia —
14 Mideastern tongue
15 Word form for "great"
16 Run — (lose control)
17 Father
18 Show stopper
28 Pewter base
29 See 69 Across
30 Card game
33 "Carousel" setting
34 Bet
35 Ergo
36 Master Twist
37 [illegible]
38 [illegible]
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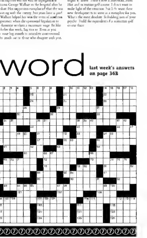

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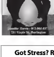

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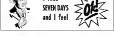

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acting

ACTING FOR FILM: Presented by Jack MacDonald in conjunction with Cameron Thor Studios. Classes Mondays in Waterbury, Wednesdays in Montpelier and Thursdays in Burlington. Session starts now. Info, 318-8555, http://www.thorstud.com or http://www.cameronthor.com. *Vermont native actor and acting coach Jack MacDonald has acted professionally for over [illegible] years and taught professionally for over 15 years. Cameron Thor Studios is reported as one of the best film acting studios in the world. It has helped start the careers of some of the industry's biggest stars. Cameron Thor Studios clients include Faye Dunaway, Sharon Stone, Hank Azaria, Courteney Cox, David Arquette, Drew Carey, Cameron Diaz and many more.* **IMPROV WORKSHOP:** Saturday and Sunday, February 18 & 19, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. $75 before February 10, $100 after; students $60. Waterfront Theatre. Info, 802-863-3172 or 802-863-1928. *Kamikaze Comedy hosts a unique two-day workshop on the wonderful world of improvisational theater. Beginners and pros alike will learn to accept offers, support fellow actors, develop relationships, and tell interesting stories.*

art

ART CLASSES AT CVU HIGH SCHOOL IN HINESBURG: Basic Drawing with Christine Cole, 5 Mondays beginning March 13, 5:30-7 p.m. $65 includes all supplies. Drawing - The Next Steps with Christine Cole, 5 Mondays beginning March 13, 7:15-8:45 p.m. $65 includes all supplies. Still Life Drawing with Christine Cole, 5 Tuesdays beginning March 14, 6:30-8 p.m. $65 includes all materials. Watercolor for Beginners, 6 Wednesdays beginning March 15, 6:30-8 p.m. $105 includes all quality materials. Photographic Skills, 5 Thursdays beginning March 16, 6:30-8:15 p.m. $75. Pottery with Jen Labie, 8 Mondays or 8 Wednesdays beginning March 13 or 15, 3:30-5:30 p.m. or 5:45-7:45 p.m. $115 includes all supplies. R&R On Demand Studio Use, Tuesdays or Thursdays beginning March 14 or 16, 6-8:30 p.m. $65. Fused Glass Sun Catcher, 2 Mondays beginning March 27, 5:30-6:30 p.m. $75 with all materials included. Cake Decorating I (Wilton), 4 Thursdays beginning March 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Cake Decorating II beginning April 20. $75 each. Over 12 Culinary Arts. One night classes including: Dim Sum, Dim Sum Fusion, Pan Asian Bistro, Nuevo Latino Bistro, Greek Mediterranean, Italian Easter Desserts, $35 each. Go online to check menus and details. Info, call 802-482-7194 or www.cvuhs.org and click on Access to CVU. *Access classes start week of March 13. Limited class sizes and designed to be hands-on. Or find full descriptions for all 12[illegible] Spring/Summer and click on Access to CVU. Senior discount 65+ and free gift to carpoolers. Ten minutes from Exit 12.*

astrology

ASTROLOGY LESSONS: Dates and times to be arranged. $25 per lesson. Info, call John to arrange for individual lessons, 802-865-8113. *Astrology can help you find the love and work you hope for. John Mumler is an experienced and licensed astrologer and teacher who has taught astrology for years.*

bartending

BARTENDING COURSE: March 3, 4 and 5, Sheraton Burlington. $219-$249. Info, 1-800-U-CAN-MIX or visit: http://www.universitybartending.com. *Learn to bartend in one weekend with University Bartending. Get Bar Code Certified. Classes fill fast.* **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:** Day, evening and weekend courses. Various locations. Info, 888-4DRINKS or bartendingschool.com. *Get certified to make a mean martini, margarita, Manhattan or mai tai.*

body

CLASSES AT CVU HIGH SCHOOL IN HINESBURG: Four Pilates Classes, 8 Tuesdays or 8 Thursdays beginning March 7 or 9, 5:25 p.m. or 6:25 p.m. $80 each. Yoga (Kripalu), 8 Thursdays, March 16, 5-6:15 p.m. $70. Yoga, 8 Thursdays, beginning March 16, 6-7:15 p.m. $70. Yoga for Men with Linda Wisniewski, 8 Tuesdays beginning March 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m. $70. All dance classes with Kym Reid Taylor: Rhumba/Cha-Cha for Beginners, 5 Tuesdays beginning March 14, 7:30-8:30 p.m. $50. Salsa for Beginners, 3 Tuesdays beginning May 2, 7:30-8:30 p.m. $20. Big Band Bash, 5 Thursdays beginning March 16, 7:30-8:30 p.m. $55. Big Band Bash II, 3 more weeks beginning May 4, $35. Hip-Hop Dance, 4 weeks beginning March 16, 4:30-5:15 p.m. $80, students $70. Juggling for 4 Thursdays beginning March 23, 6:30-7:45 p.m. $40. Living Tobacco Free, 4 Thursdays beginning March 23, 6-7:15 p.m. Free. Info, call 802-482-7194 or find full descriptions for www.cvuhs.org and click on Access to CVU. *Access classes start week of March 13. Limited class sizes and designed to be hands-on. Senior discount 65+ and free gift to carpoolers. Ten minutes from Exit 12.*

business

FRANCHISING-SELECTING THE RIGHT BUSINESS: February 15, 7-8 p.m. Holiday Inn, Williston Road, South Burlington. Free. Info, 802-863-3077 or visit http://WWW.[illegible]. *Pre-registration is available and encouraged. Seminar is targeted towards people exploring business ownership. The event will discuss franchising, types of opportunities available and a systematic approach to discover the "right business" for you. Event will be presented by [illegible].*

childbirth

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES: Thursdays, January 12 - March 9, 6-8:30 p.m. Family Beginnings. $250. Info, 802-425-2961 or visit: http://www.familybirthbeginnings.com. *Learn to give birth naturally and move through labor more effectively with less pain, using relaxation and unhindered breathing. This class is ideal for any birth situation in any location and with any qualified birth attendant, regardless of previous birth experiences.* **INTRODUCTION TO MIDWIFERY:** Saturdays, March - April, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. In my Montpelier office. $700. Info, 802-229-0820. *Have you ever thought you might want to be a midwife? In this class you will learn about paths to become a midwife as well as pregnancy, birth and postpartum and basic midwifery skills. The class will also have guest speakers, videos, and student presentations. No previous experience is necessary. Erin is a licensed midwife and has attended approximately 300 births, mostly at home, over the past eight years. VSAC grants accepted.*

climbing

CO ED 1 & 2 INDOOR CLIMBING CLINICS: Six-week clinics every Tuesday, February 28 - April 4. Level 1, 6-8 p.m. Level 2, 7-9 p.m. Petra Cliffs Climbing Center. $150. Info, www.petracliffs.com or call 802-657-3872. *Level I: basics of climbing. Level II: improving intermediate skills/ lead climbing.*

ICE CLIMBING I AND II: Level 1, March 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. $119. Level 2, March 5, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. $168. Petra Cliffs Mountaineering School. Info, 802-657-3872 or visit www.petracliffs.com. *Learn about the exhilarating sport of ice climbing! Level 1: beginner climbing, no experience necessary. Level 2: previous experience required. Improve intermediate ice skills.* **INTRO TO MOUNTAINEERING:** February 25 or March 11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Petra Cliffs Mountaineering School. $119, all technical equipment included. Info, visit www.petracliffs.com or call 802-657-3872. *Learn the fundamentals of safe winter travel over snow and ice. Components of instruction include use of crampons and ice axe, rope management skills, glissading and self-arrest techniques.* **WOMEN'S 1 & 2 INDOOR CLIMBING CLINICS:** 5 x week clinics every Thursday, March 2 - April 6. Level 1, 6-8 p.m. Level 2, 7-9 p.m. Petra Cliffs Climbing Center. $150. Info, www.petracliffs.com or call 802-657-3872. *Taught by women! Level I: basics of climbing. Level II: improving intermediate skills/lead climbing.*

computers

COMPUTER WORKSHOPS DESIGNED FOR BEGINNING USERS: February 8 - April 3. Fletcher Free Library. Pre-registration is required. $3 suggested donation per workshop. Info, visit the library, call the Reference Desk 802-865-7217 or visit the Computer Center page on our website www.fletcherfree.org. *Microsoft Word, Internet Explorer, Email Basics with Yahoo! Mail, and Protect Your Computer (Anti-Virus/Spyware Class). Free Wednesday Open Labs, too.* **HANDS-ON COMPUTER CLASSES AT CVU HIGH SCHOOL IN HINESBURG:** MS Word Basics, 4 Tuesdays beginning April 11, 6-7:15 p.m. $45. MS Word Cards and Letters, 2 Wednesdays, March 22 and 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $25. MS Excel Basics, 4 Tuesdays beginning May 8, 7:30-8:45 p.m. $45. Web Site Design, 8 Wednesdays beginning March 15 using MS Front Page, 7:15-8:45 p.m. $65. Computer Use Tutorial, 3-5 Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, March 14, 4-5:15 p.m. $15-$25. Organizing My Computer, 1 Monday or 1 Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m. or May 17, 7:15-8:45 p.m. $15 each. MS Publisher Applications, 2 Thursdays beginning April 13, 7:15-8:45 p.m. $25. Making My PC Work Better and Be Mean, 3 Tuesdays beginning May 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $45. Microsoft Office Sampler, 3 Wednesdays beginning April 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $40. Internet Skills, 3 Thursdays beginning March 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $35. *Also available: Powerpoint, Blogging, Inspiration: Visual Organization Plans, and Kidspiration, A Visual Classroom Organizer.* Check these out online. Info, call 802-482-7194 or access classes at www.cvuhs.org. *Access classes start week of March 13. Limited class sizes and designed to be hands-on. Senior discount 65+ and free gift to carpoolers. Ten minutes from Exit 12.*

craft

CRAFT CLASSES AT CVU HIGH SCHOOL IN HINESBURG: Rug Hooking for Beginners, 7 Thursdays beginning March 16, 6-8 p.m. $85. Knitting for Beginners, 4 Thursdays beginning March 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $45. Knitting for 3rd, 4th, 5th graders, 8 Mondays beginning March 20, 4-5 p.m. $45. Quilting for Beginners, 5 Thursdays beginning March 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $65. Sewing for Middle Schoolers, afternoon, 8 Tuesdays beginning March 14, 4-6 p.m. $65. Sewing for Beginners evening, 8 Mondays beginning March 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $85. Rustic Furniture Adult Chair, 2 Wednesdays beginning March 15, 4-8 p.m. $95. Rustic Love Seat, 2 Wednesdays beginning May 3, 6-9 p.m. $125. Info, 802-482-7194 and access classes at www.cvuhs.org and click on Access to CVU. *Access classes start week of March 13. Limited class sizes and designed to be hands-on. Senior discount 65+ and free gift to carpoolers. 10 minutes from exit 12.*

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HAND DRUMMING: March 15, free conga drumming workshop, 5:30, followed by a demonstration of Cuban and Haitian music, 6:30 by Gwayoyo. Beginners Conga Class, Wednesdays, 5:30-6:50 p.m. Two-week session begins April 5, $20. Four-week session begins May 3, $40. Beginners Djembe Class, Wednesdays, 7-8:50 p.m. Two-week session begins April 5, $20. Four-week session begins May 3, $40. Info, Stuart Paton, 658-0658, email classes@burlingtontaiko.org. *Walk-ins are welcome. Gift certificates are available.*

RICHMOND TAIKO CLASSES: Thursdays. Five-week session begins May 4, schedule to be announced. Info, 802-658-0658, email classes@burlingtontaiko.org or visit www.burlingtontaiko.org. *Pre-registration is required and there is a 10-person maximum for each class. Gift certificates are available.*

education

FREE GRAD SCHOOL PRACTICE TESTS: Saturday, February 25. Various times. Lafayette Hall at UVM. Free. Info, 802-861-4088 or visit http://www.kaptest.com/practice. *Seats are limited. Registration required. Free practice test event! Take a GMAT, GRE, MCAT, LSAT or NCLEX practice test and learn all about the exam—even strategies to score higher!*

empowerment

CLASSES AT CVU HIGH SCHOOL IN HINESBURG: Mah Jongg for Beginners, 4 Wednesdays beginning March 22, 5:30-7 p.m. $40. American Foreign Policy with Bill Mares, 5 Thursdays beginning March 16, 6:30-8 p.m. $50. Golf for Beginners, 6 Thursdays, 3:45-5 p.m. $96. Baby Sitting Class by Red Cross Instructor, Tuesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 30, 3:30-6:30 p.m. $60. Interior Design and Professional Organizing with Annette House, 3 Wednesdays beginning March 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $45. Under the Microscope, 3 Mondays beginning May 1, 4:30-6 p.m. $40. Applying Makeup 101 with Lori Barlow and Deb Clark, 2 Thursdays beginning May 4, $35. Backyard Astronomy, 2 Wednesdays, May 3 and 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $15. Complete Financial Management Workshop, 4 Wednesdays beginning March 15, 6-7:30 p.m. $50. Writers' Workshop with Mark Allen, 4 Mondays beginning March 27, 6-7:30 p.m. $40. Is Race Real? From Colorblindness to "Colortalk" with Bonnie Barber, 3 Wednesdays beginning March 22, 6-8:30 p.m. Donation requested. Info, call 802-482-7194 or visit www.cvuhs.org and click on Access to CVU. *Access classes start week of March 13. Limited class size and designed to be hands-on. Senior discount 65+ and free gift to preregister. Ten minutes from Exit 12.*

HAVING DIFFICULTY MAKING DECISIONS? Wednesday, March 15, 6 p.m. 231 Maple St., Burlington. Free. Info, 802-985-5893. *Introduction to new women's group, "The Nature of Decisions." Marcia Feldman, psychotherapist and outdoors woman has developed a 6-week series that merges therapy and the natural world. The series focuses on decision making, creating the "ground" from which to make decisions, letting go of "second guessing" and building self trust. Group begins March 26.*

family

PEKING ACROBATS FAMILY PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP: Friday, March 10, 6-7 p.m. Tracy Martin Flynn Center Studio. $30 for one child with accompanying parent or caregiver. Info, call 802-652-4548, email flynnarts@flynncenter.org or visit www.flynncenter.org. *Ages 6-9. Enrich and enliven your child's experience of live family performances at the Flynn this spring. Parents and children join FlynnArts faculty to act and explore together, playing with the ideas and art forms you will see on stage. MainStage performance begins at 8 p.m.; workshop fee does not include show tickets, which are sold separately through the Flynn Regional Box Office by calling 802-863-5966 or visiting www.flynncenter.org.* Grades 1-3.

fine arts

CHILDREN'S CLASSES AT SHELBURNE ART CENTER. Family Art Break—drop-in Saturdays, February 25, 2-6-year-olds, 10-11:30 a.m. and 7-12 year olds, 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. $12 per Saturday for parent and child, $10 for unaccompanied child. Young Rembrandts After-school Drawing Class, Tuesdays, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Session II, March 14 - April 18, $80/session. Young Rembrandts Drawing Class for 4-6-year olds, Wednesdays, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Session II, March 15 - April 19, $80/session. Young Rembrandts Cartooning Class, Saturdays, 10-11 a.m., Session II, March 18 - April 22, $80/session. Info, 985-3648 or www.shelburneartcenter.org

herbs

HONORING HERBAL TRADITIONS: Eight month Herbal Apprenticeship program, held on a home farm. Meets one Saturday a month, beginning in April. $800 includes all materials, reference book and membership to United Plant Savers. Info, call 802-985-7521 or 802-563-3185. *Preregistration required. We will be covering herbal therapies and nutritional support, with an emphasis on the body systems. Learn hands-on instruction for home medicine making. Plant identification will take place in fields, forests, and wetlands. Eat wild foods and learn about plant sustainability. Taught*

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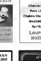

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WISDOM OF THE HERBS SCHOOL: Wisdom of the Herbs: An Experiential Journey Through the Seasons. Eight-month Herbal Certification Program. One weekend a month, April to November 2006. Foundations of Herbalism: A three-month Herbal Program: May 6-7, June 3-4 and July 1-2, 2006. Taught by herbalist Annie McCleary with naturalist George Lisi. Lincoln, Vermont. Info, 802-453-8766, email anniemc@gmavt.net or visit www.WisdomOfTheHerbsSchool.com. *VSAC grants available to qualifying participants, please apply early. Weave knowledge and wisdom on a transformational journey with wild plants. Plant identification, plant-spirit communication, wild edibles, herbal remedies, herb walks and nature adventures.*

jewelry

BASIC BEAD AND WIRE JEWELRY CLASSES: Beginning February 18th, these classes ongoing, classes can be flexible to your schedule. $40. Wendy's place, 3 blocks from Church Street. Info, 802-864-6186. *Students will learn to make basic bead and wire jewelry, simple techniques, wrapping designs. Walk away with a striking necklace, two pair of earrings or a bracelet, and the knowledge to make much more. Class includes all wire, clasps and beads. Discount on semiprecious stones and beads.*

kids

BON VOYAGE! AFRICAN AND INDIAN DANCE AND ARTS VACATION CAMP WITH FIREHOUSE EDUCATION'S CLAY AND CRAFT STUDIO: Grades 3-6. Monday-Friday, February 27 - March 3, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Flynn Center Studio and Firehouse Education's Clay and Craft studio. $200. Info, call 802-652-4548 ext. 4, email flynnarts@flynncenter.org or visit www.flynncenter.org. *Explore the dances, customs, cultural traditions, and crafts of Africa and India. Children learn traditional dances to the sound of live drumming, try their hands at keeping the beat, and explore rings, batik, printing and other indigenous craft techniques. Family and friends are invited to a performance and exhibit on Friday. Camp is suitable for all levels of dance and art experience.*

language

123SPANISHNOW.COM: *Hola, Bonjour!* and *Buon Di!* Spanish, French and Portuguese classes for adults and for kids! Located in Waitsfield, Montpelier and Burlington. 8 weeks starting in March. $130. Info, www.123spanishnow.com, email constancia@123spanishnow.com, 917-3848-3123. *Join us for language classes with native speakers. Classes are designed for beginner through advanced levels. Students will learn basic grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation in a really fun and positive learning environment. Materials and study materials provided.*

JAPAN AMERICAN SOCIETY OF VERMONT SPRING LANGUAGE CLASSES: Beginner and Intermediate classes begin starting February 23. Thursday, 6-8 p.m. Saint Michael's College. $75. Info, Vince Guy, 802-863-7766.

LANGUAGE CLASSES AT CVU HIGH SCHOOL IN HINESBURG: Italian for Travelers, 8 Wednesdays beginning March 1st, 6-7:30 p.m. $65. Spanish for Travelers, 8 Wednesdays beginning March 1st, 6:30-7 p.m. $66. French de Québec Language and Culture, 4 Wednesdays beginning March 15, 6:30-8 p.m. $75. Intermediate Spanish, 7 Tuesdays beginning March 1st, 7-8:15 p.m. $80. Spanish for 4-6 year olds, 7 Tuesdays beginning March 1st, 3:30-4:20 p.m. $66. Portuguese for Travelers, 8 Mondays beginning March 13, 6-7:30 p.m. $76. Introduction to Arabic Language and Culture with Yoriji Ilhan, 8 Thursdays beginning April 6. $66. A Taste of American Sign Language with Gerald Krueger, 4 Tuesdays beginning March 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $45. Baby Sign Language Introduction, 4 nights to choose from: March 27 or April 7 or April 12 or April 20, 7-8:30 p.m. $30. Info, call 802-482-7194 or visit www.cvuhs.org and click on Access to CVU. *Access classes start week of March 13. Limited class sizes and designed to be hands-on. Senior Discount 65+ and free gift to cosponsors. 10 minutes from Exit 12.*

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION: Evenings, 6 p.m. or later. Home setting in Milton. $15 per hour. Info, Dan at 802-893-0368. *Former European-based Berlitz language instructor offers private French/English conversation lessons all levels. Home setting for travelers, students, business people.*

LOVE TO SPEAK FRENCH OR SPANISH? LEARN FROM THE BEST. EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS AND NATIVE SPEAKERS. Adults and children classes: Thirteen-week classes, Saturdays, beginning March 4. Stowe. $360. Info, Leah at 802-225-8913 or email LS8166@nyu.edu. *Adult classes are 90 min. and are designed for beginner through advanced adult levels. Students will learn the basic grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation with the goal of becoming moderately conversational and literate. Children's classes are one hour long and are designed for children with little or no experience, ages 5-12.*

martial arts

AIKIDO OF CHAMPLAIN VALLEY: Adult introductory classes begin on Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m. Adult classes seven days a week. Children's classes ages 7-12 meet on Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays 4-5 p.m. Muso Shinden Ryu Iaido (the traditional art of sword drawing): Fridays, 5-6:30 p.m. Zazen: Tuesdays, 8-8:45 p.m. Aikido of Champlain Valley, 257 Pine Street, Burlington. Info, 802-951-8900 or www.aikidovt.org. *This traditional Japanese martial art emphasizes circular, flowing movements and joining and throwing techniques. Visitors are always welcome to watch adult classes. Gift certificates available. We now have a children's play space for training parents.*

BLUE WAVE TAEKWONDO: The benefits of a traditional martial art, with the excitement of a modern sport. Adult, family and children's classes available, Monday through Thursday evenings and Saturdays for beginners, advanced and competitive students. 182 Main St., Burlington, next to Muddy Waters. Student and family discounts available, all new students receive a free uniform. Info, 658-3366 or email, info@bluewavetkd.com or visit www.bluewavetkd.com. *Sixth Degree Black Belt and former national team member Gordon White puts over 20 years of experience to use teaching the exciting martial art and Olympic sport of Taekwondo. Proper body mechanics and Taekwondo technique are emphasized during plyometric, technical and cardio training sessions to improve flexibility, strength and overall fitness.*

MARTIAL WAY SELF DEFENSE CENTER: Day and evening classes for adults. Afternoon and Saturday classes for children. Group and private lessons. Colchester. Free introductory class. Info, 893-8893. *Kenpo, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Arnis and Wing Chun Kung Fu. One minute off I-89 at Exit 17.*

MOY YAT KUNG FU: For info on classes in Burlington, call 324-7702 or visit www.kungfuvt.com. *The Wing Tsun style was founded by a Buddhist nun and made famous by Bruce Lee. Wing Tsun (pronounced Wing Chun) is based on relaxation and is best known for being a highly effective system of self-defense.*

VERMONT BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU: Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Monday through Friday, 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. The "Punch Line" Boxing Class: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. Vermont Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 4 Howard St., A-8, Burlington. First class free. Info, 660-4072 or visit www.bjjusa.com. *Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is a complete martial arts system based on leverage (provides a greater advantage and effect on a much larger opponent) and technique (fundamentals of dominant body position to use the technique to overcome size and strength). Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu enhances balance, flexibility, strength, cardio-respiratory fitness and builds greater courage and self-confidence. Vermont Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu offers Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Self-Defense classes (all levels). Boxing and MMA programs available. Brazilian Head Instructor with over 30 years of experience (5-time Brazilian Champion, Rio de Janeiro), certified under Carlson Gracie. Positive and safe environment. Effective and easy-to-learn techniques that could save your life. Accept no limitations.*

massage

MASTER CLASSES FOR BODYWORKERS WITH STEPHEN O'DWYER: Four-week classes begin Thursday, February 16, 6-9 p.m. Pain Mechanisms of the Lower Back Level 1: February 16 - March 9, Pain Mechanisms of the Shoulder Level 1, March 16 - April 6. Pain Mechanisms of the Neck Level 1: April 13 - May 4. $226 per class, includes workbook. Class package discount: $476 register and pay for all three classes by February 16th. Info, Touchstone Healing Arts, 205 Dorset Street, So. Burlington, 658-7715 to register or online at www.touchstonehealingarts.com. *These classes are designed for therapists and body workers who desire to increase their hands-on and evaluative skills toward the goal of being able to treat more complex chronic pain problems.*

meditation

MEDITATION: Monday-Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. Sundays, 9 a.m. - noon. Burlington Shambhala Center. Free. Info, 802-658-6795 or visit: http://www.burlingtonshambhalactr.org. *The Burlington Shambhala Center offers meditation as a path to discovering gentleness and wisdom. Meditation sessions are free and open to the public. Personal meditation instruction available. The Shambhala Café meets the first Saturday morning of each month, March 4, for meditation and discussion from 9-11:30 a.m. 187 South Winooski, corner of King.*

MINDFULNESS WEEKEND RESIDENTIAL MEDITATION RETREAT: March 10-12, at the beautiful Pierce Inn in rural Etna NH. Sponsored by Valley Insight. $166 plus teacher Dana. Info, please email susanny@kingdom.com or call 603-675-2812.

metal/stained glass

FIREHOUSE EDUCATION CLAY AND CRAFT STUDIO MIXED-LEVEL STAINED GLASS (COPPER FOIL): Wednesdays, March 1 - April 5, 6-8:30 p.m. Clay and Craft Studio, 250 Main Street. Info, call 865-7166 or visit www.BurlingtonCityArts.com. *In this class, beginning students will become acquainted with the method of stained glass popularized in the late 19th century by Louis C. Tiffany and John La Farge. Project possibilities include traditional panels and sun catchers. Intermediate students may choose to tackle more advanced projects such as boxes or other three-dimensional objects. The entire stained glass process will be covered and each student can expect to complete at least one project.*

ONE DAY COPPERSMITHING WORKSHOP, INSTRUCTED BY OLAR HETZEL: Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Shelburne Art Center. Members $78, nonmembers $92. Info, 985-3648 or www.shelburneartcenter.org. *Students will acquire basic metalsmithing skills, while completing a utilitarian or decorative object to take home. Demonstrations will include annealing, forming, planishing, sawing, sanding, filing, tapering, and soldering. All levels welcome.*

music

BLUEGRASS 101: Saturdays, March 4-25, 1-3 p.m. South Burlington. $100. Info, 802-658-2462 or griffboy74@hotmail.com. *Do you play bluegrass but don't know how all of the parts of a band "fit"? Join us for a fun, step-by-step workshop covering ensemble construction, lead and harmony singing, instrumental breaks and much more. Andy Greene has performed with such acclaimed groups as Breakaway and the Bluegrass Gospel Project and teaches guitar, banjo, voice, and songwriting.*

GUITAR CLASSES AT THE FLYNN CENTER WITH JAMES O'HALLORAN: Beginning Guitar I, grade 11-adult, Wednesdays, March 1st - May 31, 7:45-8:45 p.m. This class covers basic finger-picking and strumming techniques, reading chord charts, playing out of a song book, tuning techniques and more. Beginning Guitar II, Lunchtime Songs, grade 11-adult, Thursdays, March 16 - June 1, 12-1 p.m. Class covers some of the greatest guitar tunes of all time in a fun group setting. Take your skills to the next level by refining your finger-picking and strumming techniques and challenging yourself with more advanced concepts, including improvisation. Guitar III: Flamenco, adult, Wednesdays, March 15 - May 31, 6-7:30 p.m. Class focuses on three Flamenco styles, or palos—the *solea*, the *alegrias*, and the *siguiriyas*. Participants will learn and continue to polish right-hand techniques such as *tremolo*, *picado*, *alzapua*, and *rasgueado*. Info, call 802-652-4548, email flynnarts@flynncenter.org, or visit www.flynncenter.org.

MUSIC AND DANCE RHYTHMS OF VERACRUZ WITH SON DE MADERA AND LOS COJOLITES: Friday, March 24, Flynnspace, Burlington, following the MainStage performance of Son de Madera & Los Cojolites. Adult, Thursday, March 23, 7-9 p.m. Son de Madera & Los Cojolites. $25. Info, call 802-652-4548, email flynnarts@flynncenter.org or visit www.flynncenter.org. Limit 20. *Learn the musical rhythms of son jarocho—a spicy mix of music and dance from one of Mexico's coloured roots—performed most widely on various-stringed guitars, harp, tambourine, the traditional quijada (donkey jawbone), and by the percussive dance form zapateado, danced by couples on wooden platforms called tarimas. Open to musicians and dancers with knowledge of various cultural rhythms. Bring your own percussive and stringed instruments. Participants can try out their new knowledge at the Fandango (son jarocho-style jam).*

painting

FIREHOUSE EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ARTISTS VACATION CAMPS: PAINTING PAINTING PAINTING: February 27 - March 3, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 6-8. Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts, 135 Main Street. Info, call 865-7166 or visit www.BurlingtonCityArts.com. *Come spend a week in the joyful exploration of painting. Students will have fun experimenting with color mixing, painting techniques and various paint mediums while working on individual painting projects. Finished paintings will be celebrations of personal expression and be ready to frame.*

photography

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITAL SOFTWARE AT CVUHS IN HINESBURG: Digital Camera for Non-Digital Folks, 3 Wednesdays beginning March 15, 6:30-7 p.m. $50. Use a Digital Camera, 2 Mondays beginning April 17, 7:15-8:45 p.m. $40. Enhance Digital Photographs, 2 Wednesdays beginning May 3, 7:15-8:45 p.m. $40. Create Digital Compositions, 2 Mondays beginning March 13, 6:30-7 p.m. or 2 Thursdays beginning May 11 at 7:15-8:45 p.m. $40. Digital Presentation Series, 4 Thursdays beginning March 16, 6:30-7 p.m. $100. Adobe Photoshop Elements Basics, 4 Mondays beginning March 13 from 7:15-8:45 p.m. or 4 Wednesdays beginning April 12, 6:30-7:00 p.m. $76. Intermediate Elements, 4 Tuesdays beginning May 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. $50. Check on-line for Digital Slide shows and Digital Scrapbook classes also. Info, call 802-482-7194 or visit at www.cvuhs.org and click on Access to CVU. *Access classes start week of March 13. Limited class sizes and designed to be hands-on. Senior Discount 65+ and free gift to cosponsors. 10 minutes from exit 12.*

pilates

CORE STUDIO: Come experience Burlington's premiere by-appointment only Pilates and Personal Training studio! Located conveniently on the waterfront in downtown Burlington, we offer a variety of core strengthening and other well-being related programs. Our mat and Reformer bed options include private sessions, small group pilates, and drop-in rates for Passport Mat Classes. Small group Hybrid Spinning/Pilates and PowerSculpt classes are also available weekly. The Rolfing Studio offers you the opportunity to work one-on-one with a certified specialist who can restore and realign your body back into its natural alignment. Our new onsite nutritionist and Reiki practitioner is also available by appointment as well as our new physical therapist. Your first consultation and mat classes are always free! Info, call 802-862-8686 or visit www.corestudioburlington.com. *Familiarize yourself with our open, welcoming, green studio and our professional certified instructors.*

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PILATES VERMONT AT THE SHELBURNE ATHLETIC CLUB: A wide variety of Pilates Mat and Reformer duet classes. Over 20 classes per week with 4 certified instructors. Free Intros available. Info, call the Shelburne Athletic Club, 802-985-4426 or visit www.shelburneathleticclub.com. *Using methods that are systematically based at Pilates Vermont means benefits for the athlete, the amateur and the beginner. Experience the Pilates Promise: 10 classes, you'll feel a difference; 20 classes, you'll see a difference; 30 classes, you'll have a whole new body. Pilates Vermont offers quality and variety. From classes for Seniors to our newest class "40/40 Spin/Pilates": 40 minutes of spinning and 40 minutes of Mat Pilates!*

printmaking

FIREHOUSE EDUCATION PRINT STUDIO 240: AN INTRODUCTION TO PRINTMAKING WITH EARTH: Saturdays February 25 and March 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Print studio 240, 250 Main St. Info, call 865-7166 or visit www.BurlingtonCityArts.com. *This class will be a great introduction to relief printmaking and the printmaking process in general. Relief printmaking is the process of applying ink to raised areas of a hand-carved printing block. The block is then printed onto a piece of paper creating a final image. For beginner to intermediate student.*

reiki

REIKI: Solid day-long classes. Reiki level one: February 24 and March 24. $176. Reiki level two: May 13. $336. Reiki level three: practitioners' level, April 8. $225. Info, Chris Hanna, Rising Sun Healing Center, 35 King St., Burlington. 802-878-1711 or email rhanna@risingsunhealing.com. *Learn this powerful hands-on healing art with Reiki Master Chris Hanna.*

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religion

HEBREW READING CRASH COURSE: Wednesdays, March 8 - April 5, 4-5 p.m. Free. Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, 188 North Prospect Street, Burlington. Info, 802-864-0218 or visit www.ohavizedek.com. *Always wanted to be able to read Hebrew and be able to follow along with a Passover Seder? In this five-week crash course, the Hebrew alphabet will be taught in a clear and easy-to-follow manner. This beginners course will focus on basic reading skills and assumes no prior knowledge of Hebrew.*

JEWISH SABBATH PRAYER SERVICES: Mondays, February 13, March 20, 27, 7:30-9 p.m. At the Ohavi Zedek Synagogue. Free. Info, 802-864-0218 or visit www.ohavizedek.com. *Instructed by Rabbi Joshua Chasan, a senior rabbi of the Ohavi Zedek Synagogue. Want to enter a synagogue, but don't really know what is going on? This class is a hands-on study of the services. What's going on in each part, how to follow along, why the services are structured the way they are. No prior experience with Judaism required.*

scuba

SCUBA CERTIFICATION CLASS: Beginning Tuesday, February 28. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-10 p.m. Waterfront Diving Center. $245, $60 extra for spring open-water dives. Info, 802-865-2771. *Complete your open-water dives during your tropical vacation this winter, or with us in Lake Champlain in the spring.*

skiing

SKI/SNOWBOARD MOUNTAINEERING: Varying dates, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Petra Cliffs Mountaineering School. $100-$189. Info, www.petracliffs.com or call 802-657-3872. *Locations like Mt. Mansfield Smuggler's Notch, Mt. Washington and more. Find secret powder in the backcountry. Participants must have mastery of Level 7 skiing/snowboarding ability, must be comfortable in ungroomed and glade terrain.*

snowkiting

LEARN TO SNOWKITE: Kitesurfing with your skis, kite or snowboard on the wide-open, frozen lake. Intro to snowkite lessons: 3 hours, $95, and On the Board lessons for people with some kite experience: 2 hours, $75. Info, 802-951-2676, www.stormboarding.com. *We can also accommodate groups. Choose your level of adrenaline: cruise, hammer or jump. All kiting equipment provided. Experienced, outfitted and insured instruction.*

spirituality

SPIRITUAL CALCULUS WITH JIM GOODMAN: Tuesday, February 21, at 7:30-8:30 p.m. $12. Info, 865-HERB. *Spiritual Calculus is a system of looking at one's life energy. We do that by charting your birth date using the five outer planets and the asteroid Chiron. As all these planets have a long orbit around the sun, the energy associated with them is the same energy that a person will have as an issue in their life. In this workshop, an individual chart will be created and each person will have a reading of their own.*

stress reduction

STRESS RELIEF WITH RACHEL GORAN, RN: Sunday, February 19, 1-3:30 p.m. $12. Info, 865-HERB. *These days, we need even more tools for handling stress. Rachel has created a list of 30 plus ways to help reduce stress, which also boosts the immune system. Together we'll discuss the stress reaction and how it works, the [illegible] under Dr. [illegible], a color breathing meditation, reflexology on the [illegible] and ending with a soothing lavender foot bath.*

women

WOMEN IN IRAQ: LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES: Thursday, February 23. Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, 188 North Prospect St., Burlington. Free. Info, 802-864-0218 or visit www.ohavizedek.com. *Presenters Barakat Jaseem and Luma Ateya, the first Iraqis to come to the United States under Fulbright scholarships in 14 years. Jaseem is working on a Master's degree in English literature at Dartmouth College and is a Kurd who is interested in the Holocaust and has written about the Jews of Iraq. Luma Ateya is also at Dartmouth, working on her Master's degree in the MALS program. She worked as a journalist in Iraq. She is writing her thesis on women's rights in Islamic countries.*

wood

THE COMMUNITY WOODWORKERS SHOP: We are now accepting new members and holding classes. Basic Woodworking Techniques, Mondays, beginning February 20, 6-9 p.m. for ten consecutive weeks. Cutting Dovetails with Hand Tools, Saturday, February 25 and March 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. *This workshop is 12 hours long over two days.* 388 Hercules Drive, Colchester. Info, 802-655-4201.

writing

FIREHOUSE EDUCATION: THE WRITE PLACE: FROM WRITTEN WORD TO SILVER SCREEN WITH NORA JACOBSON: Sundays, February 26 - March 19, 1-5 p.m. Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts, 135 Church Street. Call 865-7166 or visit www.BurlingtonCityArts.com. *In this four-week workshop, students will explore the transformation of the written word into a feature film. Each class will focus on a particular film and the screenplay from which it was produced. Students will explore how the film relates to the screenplay or deviates from it, and will examine how all of the creative participants in production – director, actors, production designer, composer, etc. – have put their stamps on the film.*

WRITING WORKSHOP: TELL IT LIKE IT IS: WRITING FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE: Thursdays, March 9 - April 13, 6-8 p.m. South Burlington. Info, 802-658-2462, email [illegible] or visit www.[illegible].com. *Now in its third year. Private consultation/critique, ongoing mentorship also available. [illegible] holds an MFA in writing and literature from Bennington College. She is currently completing a book-length collection of personal essays.*

yoga

BRISTOL YOGA: Daily Ashtanga Yoga classes for all levels. Special workshops and classes for beginners, intermediate, seniors and meditation. Private individual and group classes available by appointment. Old High School, Bristol. $12 drop-in, $100 for ten classes, or $108 monthly pass. Info, 482-5547 or www.bristolyoga.com. *This classical form of yoga incorporates balance, strength and flexibility to steady the mind, strengthen the body and free the soul.*

EMBODYOGA WITH ANNELIESE SMITH: Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 a.m.; Fridays, 4:45-6 p.m. and 8:15-9:30 a.m. Living Yoga, 35 King Street. $12 drop-in or discount for a series. Info, call 802-860-2814, ext. 3. *A deep yoga practice that promotes clear attention and vibrant vitality so yoga truly becomes a path of transformation. Anneliese is a licensed somatic movement therapist and certified Embodyoga instructor.*

SPIRIT OF YOGA RETREAT WITH LORI FLAMMER: April 7-9, morning, afternoon and evening sessions, Sky Meadow Retreat Center. $250 for lodging, food and classes. Info, 802-324-1737 or visit http://www.sattvayoga.net. *As Spring emerges, this is an excellent time to renew your vital energy with deep yoga practice in a beautiful country setting. Restorative Yoga, Meditation, Kirtan and Massage.*

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Sunday, February 26, Saturday, March 11 and April 8, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. with Lisa [illegible], Living Yoga Studio, Burlington. $50. Includes lunch. Info, Lisa, 802-324-7374 or email [illegible]yoga@sbcglobal.net. *Yoga and pampering, massage treatment, all levels welcome. Come receive the royal treatment.*

YOGA VERMONT: Daily classes, open to all levels. Astanga, Vinyasa, Jivamukti, Kripalu, Prenatal, Kids and Senior Classes. Register for our six-week Yoga and Kung Fu session, Tuesdays, February 21-March 28 or our six-week Introduction to Ashtanga Yoga, Wednesdays, February 22 - March 29. Chace Mill, Burlington. $13 drop-in, 10 classes/$100. Month pass $120. Info, 660-9718 or visit www.yogavermont.com. *Explore a variety of yoga styles with experienced and passionate instructors in three beautiful, spacious studios on the Winooski River. Classes seven days a week, open to all levels.*

//wellness

colonic hydrotherapy

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hypnotherapy

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massage

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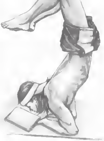

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MODELS WANTED Looking for a few aspiring female models interested in the commercial/fashion industry. Must be between 18 and 40 and have a very good complexion. We give opportunity for free portfolio experience and help breaking into the industry. Contact David Russell Photography, 802-173-1812. email ruskip@aol.com web http://www.ruskip.com

professional svcs.

AFFORDABLE AUTO REPAIR: Dent, accidents, painting, exhaust, brakes, cooling systems, tune-ups. Free estimates. $31/hour. Call Paul, 338-2834.
HOME SERVICES Home maintenance, house check and deliver, organizing and seasonal duties. Caring, competent local guy. Senior discount $18/hour. Chittenden County only. Call Hal at 802-211-1128.
OLD-FASHIONED COOK I'll meal plan, grocery shop and prepare 3-7 dozen ready meals in your home. Greater Burlington area. Call Lally, 802-879-5868.

services wanted

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE to either teach me to sew (I have a sewing machine) or to make shirts for me. 802-658-7755.

stuff wanted

IS YOUR Baby Blade collecting dust? I want it. I am looking to get in shape. 802-233-4948 leave message.

want to buy

ANTIQUES Furniture, postcards, pottery, cameras, toys, medical tools, fall glass, photographs, slide rules, license plates and silver. Anything unusual or unique. Cash paid. Call Dave at 802-859-8966.

legals

NOTICE OF OFFICIAL BID The Fletcher Free Library System is accepting bids for 1991 Thomas Bookmobile Model MFT with 3025 Cat engine/MT 643 Allison transmission. Body is equipped with two air conditioners, three electric space heaters, Onan 10kw generator, wood shelving. Sealed bids must be clearly marked "Official Bid" and mailed or hand delivered to the CEF Library System, 11 Oak Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901 by noon on Friday, February 24. Official public bid opening at System 3:00 p.m. on February 24. For information contact Jolie Weaver at 518-563-5190 x 18.

OPENINGS BURLINGTON CITY COMMISSIONS/BOARDS
On Monday, March 27, 2006 the Burlington City Council will fill vacancies on the following City Commissions/Boards:
Design Advisory Board
Term Expires 6/30/06
One Opening
Fence Viewer
Term Expires 6/30/06
One Opening
Board of Health
Term Expires 6/30/08
One Opening
Public Works Commission
Term Expires 6/30/07
One Opening
Telecommunications Advisory Committee
Term Expires 6/30/08
One Opening

Applications are available at the Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Second Floor, City Hall. They must be received in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006. Applicants must be nominated by a member of the City Council to be considered for a position. A list of Council members is also available at the Clerk/Treasurer's Office. Please call the Clerk/Treasurer's Office at 865-7136 for further information.

PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH BURLINGTON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
The South Burlington Development Review Board will hold a public hearing at the South Burlington City Hall Conference Room, 575 Dorset Street, South Burlington, Vermont on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. to consider the following:
Copies of the applications are available for public inspection at the South Burlington City Hall.
1. Preliminary plat application #SD-05-97 of Allen Road Land Co. to amend a previously approved planned unit development consisting of 44 lots on 28.21 acres. The amendment consists of: 1) enlarging the PUD by 1.1 acres, and 2) constructing two (2) 3 unit multi family dwellings on the 1.6 acres, 150 Allen Road
2. Preliminary plat application #SD-05-98 and final plat application #SD-0? of Charles & Judith Scott to subdivide a 46.2 acre parcel into two (2) 3.0 acre parcels and a 43.2 acre parcel, 219 Autumn Hill Road.
3. Application #CU-06-01 of Karl Rafflowitz for conditional use approval under Section 14.10 Conditional Use Review, of the South Burlington Land Development Regulations. Request is to allow a 111.9 sq. ft. existing structure to be used as a caretaker residence and storage for an animal shelter, 142 Kindness Court.
4. Final plat application #SD-06-11 of Pizzagalli Properties, LLC, for a planned unit development consisting of a 64,372 sq. ft. general office building, 1?2 Tilley Drive.

John Dinklage, Chairman
South Burlington Development Review Board
February 11, 2006

STATE OF VERMONT CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT CHITTENDEN COUNTY, SS. DOCKET NO
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Aegis Lending Corporation
Plaintiff v. Alexander Pankratov, Ilona Pankratova, Burlington Realty And Occupants residing at 201 Park Street, Burlington Vermont
Defendants
REVISED SUMMONS & ORDER FOR PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT Alexander Pankratov: You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Joshua B. Lobe, Esq., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 442, 1? King Street, Burlington, Vermont 05402 an Answer to plaintiff's Complaint in the above entitled action within forty-one (41) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, which is February 8, 2006. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Your Answer must also be filed with the Court. Unless otherwise provided in Rule 13(a), Your Answer must state as a Counterclaim any related claim which you may have against the plaintiff, or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action. YOUR ANSWER MUST STATE SUCH A COUNTERCLAIM WHETHER OR NOT THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT IS FOR DAMAGE COVERED BY A LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY UNDER WHICH THE INSURER HAS THE RIGHT OR OBLIGATION TO CONDUCT THE DEFENSE. If you believe that the plaintiff is not entitled to all or part of the claim set forth in the Complaint, or if you believe that you have a Counterclaim against the plaintiff, you may wish to consult an attorney. If you feel that you cannot afford to pay an attorney's fee, you may ask the clerk of the Court for information about places where you may seek legal assistance. Plaintiff's action is a Complaint in Foreclosure which alleges that you have breached the terms of a Promissary Note and Mortgage Deed dated April 12, 2004. Plaintiff's action may effect your interest in the property described in the Land Records of the City of Burlington at Volume 886 Page 448. The Complaint also seeks relief on the Promissory Note executed by you. A copy of the Complaint is on file and may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Chittenden, State of Vermont. It appearing from Affidavit duly filed in the above entitled action that service cannot be made with due diligence by any of the methods prescribed in V.R.C.P. 4(d) through (f) inclusive, it is hereby ORDERED that service of the above process shall be made upon defendant, Alexander Pankratov, by publication pursuant to V.R.C.P. 4(g). This Order shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks on February 8, 2006, February 15, 2006 and February 22, 2006 in the Seven Days. A copy of this Order shall be mailed to defendants at their address if their address is known. Dated at Burlington, Vermont this 2nd day of February, 2006.
/s/ Ben W Joseph
Hon. Ben W Joseph
Presiding Judge
Chittenden Superior Court

STATE OF VERMONT CHITTENDEN COUNTY Docket No. [illegible] Cnc
Robert Bicknell v. Mitchel Richardson
To the above-named Defendant Mitchel Richardson: You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Thomas M. Higgins, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 253 South Union Street, Burlington Vermont, an answer to Plaintiff's Complaint in the above-entitled action within 41 days after the date of the first publication of this summons, which is February 1?, 2006. If you fail to do so, judgement must be filed with the Court. Unless the relief demanded in the Complaint is for damage covered by a liability insurance policy under which the insurer has the right or obligation to conduct the defense, or unless otherwise provided in Rule 13 (a), your Answer must state as a counterclaim any related claim which you may have against the Plaintiff, or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.
Plaintiff's action is a Complaint for negligence brought by Plaintiff against Defendant, in which Plaintiff alleges that Defendant is responsible for the automobile accident which occurred in South Burlington, Vermont. A copy of the Complaint is on file and may be obtained at the office of the clerk of this Court, Chittenden County Courthouse, 175 Main Street, Burlington, Vermont 05401.
It appearing from the affidevit duly filed in the above-entitled action that service cannot be made with due diligence by any of the methods prescribed in V.R.C.P. 4(d) through (f) inclusive, it is hereby ORDERED that service of the above process shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Seven Days and The Islander newspapers of general circulation in Chittenden County and Grand Isle County, and a copy of this order shall be mailed to the Defendant.

7D LEGALS/SUPPORTGROUPS

STATE OF VERMONT CHITTENDEN COUNTY
IN RE: A.B., A.B., Y.B
Vermont Family Court, Chittenden County, Docket No. 10/11/12-1-06 Cnjv
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Based upon the motion filed by the state's Attorney's Office dated February 7, 2006, and the accompanying Affidavit, the Court finds that service of process cannot, with due diligence, be made upon Fernanda M. Lual other than by publication.

It is therefore, ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that notice of a merits hearing on the parental fitness of Fernanda M. Lual, mother of A.B., A.B. and Y.B., to be held on March 8, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Court of Vermont, Costello Courthouse, 32 Cherry St, Burlington, Vermont, shall be published for two (2) consecutive weeks in Seven Days, a newspaper of general circulation reasonably calculated to give notice to Fernanda M. Lual. A copy of this order shall be mailed to Fernanda M. Lual if her address can ever be determined.

Hon. Brian J. Grearson
Family Court Judge
Date 2/7/06

STATE OF VERMONT CHITTENDEN COUNTIES SS
IN RE: A.B., A.B., Y.B
Vermont Family Court
Chittenden County
Docket No. 10/11/12-1-06 Cnjv
NOTICE OF HEARING
TO: Fernanda M. Lual, mother of A.B., A.B., Y.B.

You are hereby notified that a hearing to consider your parental fitness to parent A.B., A.B. and Y.B. will be held on March 8, 2006 at 10:00 AM at the Family Court of Vermont, Chittenden County, 32 Cherry street, Burlington, Vermont. You are notified to appear in connection with this case.

Hon. Brian J. Grearson
Family Court Judge
Date: 2/7/06

STATE OF VERMONT
CHITTENDEN COUNTY S.S.
CHITTENDEN SUPERIOR COURT
DOCKET NO. S 1324-06 Cnc

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Household Mortgage Funding Corporation, Plaintiff v. Bruce A. Wolffing, Mary R. Wolffing, the Wolffing Family trust through its Trustees D. Scott Henneman and Kurt L. Johnson, and the state of Vermont Department of Taxes, Defendants

SECOND REVISED SUMMONS & ORDER FOR PUBLICATION
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Grant C. Rees, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 4[illegible], 158 Factory street, Burlington, Vermont 05402, an Answer to Complaint in the above entitled action within forty-one (41) days of the first publication of this Summons, which is 2/14/06. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Your Answer must also be filed with the Court. Unless the relief demanded in the Complaint is for damage covered by a liability insurance policy under which the insurer has the right or obligation to conduct the defense or unless otherwise provided in Rule 13(a), Your answer must state as a counterclaim any related claim which you may have against the plaintiff's Complaint, or you will be barred from making such claim in any other action.

Plaintiff's action is a Complaint in Foreclosure which alleges that you have breached the terms of a Promissory Note and Mortgage Deed dated June [illegible], 2002 which was subsequently assigned to Plaintiff. Plaintiff's action may affect your interest in the property described in the Land Records of the Town of Hinesburg at Volume 163, Page 187-213. The Complaint also seeks relief on the Promissory Note executed by you. A copy of the Complaint is on file and may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Chittenden, state of Vermont.

It appearing from Affidavit duly filed in the above action that service cannot be made with due diligence by any of the methods prescribed in V.R.C.P. 4(d) through (f) inclusive, it is hereby ORDERED that service of the above process shall be made upon defendants Bruce A. and Mary R. Wolffing by publication pursuant to V.R.C.P. 4(g). This Order shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks on 2/14/06, 2/22/06 and 3/1/06 in the Seven Days Newspaper. A copy of this Order shall be mailed to defendants at their address if their address is known.

DATED at Burlington, Vermont this [illegible] day of February, 2006.
Presiding Judge
Chittenden Superior Court

support groups

DON'T SEE A SUPPORT group here that meets your needs? Call Vermont 2-1-1, a program of United Ways of Vermont. Within Vermont, dial 2-1-1 or 866-652-4636 (toll-free) or from outside of Vermont, 802-652-4636. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

HEPATITIS SUPPORT GROUP Wednesday, February 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. McClure Multigenerational Center, 241 North Winooski Ave. Contact 802 [illegible].

SAVINGS SUPPORT GROUP for all low to moderate income Vermonters who want to save, support around saving, budgeting, managing or investing money. Call Diane at 802-860-1417 x104 for information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Big Book text, Mondays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous, Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Survivors of Incest Anonymous, Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group, Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. "I Love Me" an educational support group on self care for survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence, Mondays, 6:30-7 p.m. Call AWARE 802-472-6463. 88 High street, Hardwick.

AUTISM SUPPORT DAILY: Free support group for parents of children with autism. 600 Blair Park Road, Suite 2[illegible], Williston. 1st Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Call Lynn, 802-660-7240 or visit us at http://www.AutismSupportDaily.com for more info.

ARE YOU A CLOSET SINGER? Do you have a good voice (haven't made the dogs howl) but are afraid of fainting in public while performing? Join a group to support, sing and perform in an intimate setting. 802 863 181[illegible]

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT: Montpelier daytime support group meets first and third Thursday of the month at the Unitarian Church (ramp entrance) from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Call Helpline at 1-877-856-1772.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT: Montpelier evening support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at Vermont Protection and Advocacy, 141 Main St., suite 7, in conference room #2, from 6-8 p.m. Call our Helpline at 1-877-856-1772.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT: St. Albans evening support group meets the second Monday of each month at Northwestern Medical Center, 133 Fairfield street from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call our Helpline at 1-877-856-1772.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT: Bennington day support group meets the first Friday of the month at Second Congregational Church, Hillside Street from 1-2 p.m. Call Helpline at 1-877-856-1772.

SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP: girls 8-12 years old needing help with social skills/friendship. Please call RiverValley Associates for more information: 802-651-7520.

OCD SUPPORT GROUP/THERAPY GROUP: Come share your experience, get support from those who have been there, learn about Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and how to reduce its symptoms. Therapist facilitated. Weekly meetings, 802-343-8114.

NW VT GAY AND LESBIAN Foster and Adoptive Parent Support Group: 6-8 p.m. The third Thursday of each month, starting October 20 through May, 2006. Casey Family Services, 46 Main St., Winooski.

AUTISM. Free support group for parents and caregivers of children with ASD. Montpelier. 2nd Sunday of the month, 3-5 p.m. at the Family Center. Call Jessica, 244-7901 for child care inquiries. More info: www.aaware.org

BIPOLAR SUPPORT GROUP open to new members. Meets downtown. Our goal is to become healthy and happy. For info, call Richard at 951-2543.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MOTHERS OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE SURVIVED CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: The Womens Rape Crisis Center in conjunction with Family Connection Center offers a free, confidential, ten-week support group, beginning on October 2nd. Info: 802-864-0555.

PARTNERS OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVORS. Meet 4th Monday of month, R.U.1.2 Center, 34 Elmwood Ave., 6:30-8 p.m. Call Timberly, 310-3884 or email: missmorpheus1@yahoo.com for more info.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE and Dementia support group: Held the last Tuesday of every month at Birchwood Terrace, Burlington. Info: contact Shelene Catalla, 863-6384.

WEEKLY SMOKING CESSATION support group. Small groups. Caring atmosphere. Stop smoking in just 21 days using natural, proven, safe methods. No unhealthy drugs. Call 254-1924.

WEEKLY WEIGHT LOSS support group. Small groups. Caring atmosphere. Get great results using natural, proven, safe methods. No unhealthy dieting. Call 254-1924.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP: If someone in your family or one of your friends is in an abusive relationship, this new support group is designed especially for you. Info: call Women Helping Battered Women 658-1996.

MALE SUPPORT GROUP: For men who have survived sexual violence. This group will provide a safe, encouraging space for survivors of sexual assault to share their stories with other men. Offered by the Women's Rape Crisis Center. Info: 802-864-0555 or the 24-hour hotline, 802-863-1236.

PARENTING GROUP: 6-week group for people parenting children of all ages now forming. Please call RiverValley Associates for more information: 651-7520.

HAIR PULLERS SUPPORT GROUP: The Vermont TTM Support Group is a new support group for adult pullers (18+) affected by trichotillomania (chronic hair pulling) as well as parents of pullers. This will be a supportive, safe, comfortable and confidential environment. Meets on the 4th Monday of every month, 6-7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Universalist Society, 152 Pearl St., Burlington. Info, 453-3688 or vermont [illegible]@yahoo.com

DEPERSONALIZATION AND DEREALIZATION: If you suffer from either of these trauma states, please call Cindy, 864-4284.

THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHAPTER of the Compassionate Friends meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 7-9 p.m. at the Christ Church Presbyterian, 400 Redstone Campus, UVM. Info, 482-5314. The meetings are for parents, grandparents and adult siblings who have experienced the death of a child at any age from any cause.

7D EMPLOYMENT LISTING

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT for insurance company in Williston, VT. Environment is fast paced, perfect small office. Duties include A/R and A/P processing, data entry, business letter composition, mail operations, filing and telephone customer service. Candidate must be very detail oriented, able to multitask with working knowledge of Microsoft Office. High school diploma required. Prior work and accounting experience preferred. Email resume and cover letter to: [illegible] Fax: 802-857-1010. Mail: PO Box 827, Burlington, VT 05402.

AEROBICS, GROUP CYCLING, Yoga and Pilates Instructors and Personal Trainers needed at the Swimming Hole. Certifications required. Email resume to julia@theswimmingholestowe.com or mail to 74 Weeks Hill Road, Stowe, VT 05672 attn. Lynn

AVON/MARK LIMITED OPENINGS. Earn up to 50%. Call today for your free gift. Carla, district manager 802-244-6606 or email [illegible]@avon.com

BIKE MECHANIC WANTED: Ski Rack is looking for qualified bike mechanics (ski tech experience a plus). Must have 3-4 years experience and be able to work well in a fast paced team atmosphere. Own tools required. See Sefton with a resume. 85 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05401. 802-658-3313

CARPENTER'S HELPER/INSULATOR: Willing to train interested parties. You need transportation, phone and license. Looking for one-to-two-year commitment, min. wage. Holidays, health plan and vacation with FTE. EOE. Email vze3j88@verizon.net or 802-660-8903

COMPANION FOR 30-year-old small gent, personable woman who likes to enjoy. Car necessary. Call Diane 802-878-2332 (days) or 802-244-8826 (nights)

COMPUTER SCANNER OPERATOR and clerical support for South Burlington law firm. $9/hr. Email resume to [illegible]

DANCERS: Full and part-time. M/F. Pure Gold, 802-865-3833

DELIVERY DRIVER: 2pizza 5-8 p.m. 3-4 nights a week. $8.50/hr plus tips. Call 802-[illegible]

DELIVERY LABOR to help load/unload building materials. Full time plus. Great benefits, 401K. Call John or Brian 802-[illegible] 3737

FAST-GROWING South Burlington Environmental Services Co. seeks Asbestos Abatement Workers, Supervisors and Environmental Field Techs for full time employment. Will train the right candidates. Call 802-[illegible]-5300

FULL-TIME bookkeeping position. Must be proficient in QuickBooks and have understanding of A/P, A/R, payroll. Pay commensurate with experience. Resumes only to: Bookkeeping Department, PO Box 336, Waitsfield, VT 05673

FULL/PART TIME RETAIL Vitamin store, nutrition. Help others, help yourself. Call Kyle 802-878-03[illegible] for appointment.

GULLIVERS DOGGIE DAYCARE now hiring. Athletic, hardworking individuals. Various positions and morning shifts. Apply in person. [illegible] Industrial Ave. Williston

HAIR STYLIST FT/PT. Looking for dependable, flexible, kid friendly stylist. We offer base pay, commission, bonus, paid vacation. Hair Express, 1212 Williston Rd., South Burlington. 802-863-[illegible]

INTERSTATE COMMODITIES, INC. We are looking for a data entry specialist in our Essex Junction, VT location. A Bachelor's degree is not mandatory but strong Excel skills are a must. Data-entry experience and attention to detail are required. This is an opportunity to work in a small office atmosphere while being employed by a solid, growing company that has been in business since 1967. Interstate Commodities offers a benefits package, 401 K plan and medical coverage. Please email resumes to Andrew Clark at aclark@icgrain.com

INTERVIEWING NOW for early spring hire. Construction Superintendents, Foremen, Equipment Operators, Truck Drivers, Mechanics and Laborers for large project in Warren, VT. Kingsbury Const. Co. Call 802-496-2205, fax 802-496-2212 or email aherwin@kingsburyconstruction.com

LEARN TO BARTEND! In a weekend. Classes start soon. Sign up now. www.universitybartending.com 1-800-U-CAN-MIX

LIBRARY ASSISTANT in Youth Services. PT. Some nights and weekends. Work with youth, parents and teachers at circulation desk. Associates degree and experience with youth preferably in library setting. Computer literate. Application at Essex Jct. Village Office or Brownell Library 802-878-6955. Position open until filled. EOE.

NOW HIRING: Companies desperately need employees to assemble products at home. No selling, any hours. $500 weekly potential. Info: 1-985-646-1700, Dept. VT-6[illegible]11.

NURSING STUDENTS! Private duty nursing assistant position, per diem. Evenings 5:30-11:30, can preschedule open dates. Great pay. For male UVM graduate student with a C1/C2 spinal cord injury. Position to assist in activities of daily living. Will train. Must be able to drive. Also Shelburne location. You will have time to study. Please contact 802-985-3926.

PART TIME DATA ENTRY Excel background and QuickBooks experience. Oakwood Farms, ask for Glenn 802-764-5822. Essex Junction

PART TIME GROOMING Assistant wanted. Must be flexible, able to do physical work and have a kind and generous attitude towards animals. Experience helpful, will train the right person. Send cover letter and resume to: J&J Pet Grooming, 48 Rathe Road, Suite 5, Colchester, VT 05446. No phone calls, please.

PART-TIME MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST for busy family practice office. Experience preferred. 20-24 hours per week. Send resumes to: [illegible] or Alden Brook Family Health c/o Leeann, 8 Essex Way, Essex Jct., VT 05452

PHP PROGRAMMER needed part time and/or for projects. Work from home or at our Middlebury office. Experience with other languages a plus. Please mail resume and salary requirements to: Vermont Web Programmers, PO Box 155, Bridport, VT 05734

PORTRAIT/ARTIST MODEL. All types. $12-$16/hour. PT/FT. Ideal for student. Studio 802-2[illegible]

PROGRESSIVE BURLINGTON law firm with six attorneys seeks full-time experienced legal secretary. Proficiency in Word Perfect, Word and file management required. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to P.O. Box 4[illegible], Burlington, VT 05402

SHELBURNE HEALTH AND FITNESS is seeking full-time and/or part time front desk help for nights and weekends. Customer service and computer skills a must. 802-985-3143 or www.shelburnehealthandfitness.com

SIRLOIN SALOON has full time and part time positions open for line cooks, dishwashers, hosts, and servers. Please apply at the Sirloin Saloon on 2545 Shelburne Rd.

SPEEDER AND EARL'S is looking for morning and afternoon baristas for its Burlington location. Please apply in person at 412 Pine St., Burlington

TEACH ENGLISH ABROAD! Train in Prague. 4-week internationally recognized TEFL certificate course. Job assistance worldwide. Courses monthly. Tuition: 1300 Euros. info@teflworldwideprague.com www.teflworldwideprague.com (AAN CAN)

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING is seeking drivers. Earn additional income with flexible PT hours. The usual hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. with occasional weekends/evenings. Most trips are in the Montpelier/Waterbury area with some statewide travel. Requirements: Clean driving record, auto insurance, car and safety equipment in excellent working order, references. $11.33 per hour plus mileage. Letter or resume with proof of insurance to: Deborah Lisi-Baker, VCIL, 11 East State street, Montpelier, VT 05602.

TUTORS: Seeking high school level tutors, all subjects. Flexible hours. BA/BS required. Starting rate $18 per hour. Interested candidates send resumes to [illegible]@msn.com.

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automotive

$500 POLICE IMPOUNDS! Cars from $500. Tax repos, US Marshal and IRS sales! Cars, trucks, SUVs, Toyotas, Hondas, Chevys, more! For listings call 1-800-298-4150 x C107. (AAN CAN)

AUDI, 1994. 100cs Quattro wagon. Loaded. CD/mp3 player, Thule rack, new all season tires, extra set of snows on rims. Well maintained, runs great. $4900. 802-865-2145

CHEVROLET PRIZM, 2001. Great car. 54,500 miles. Fully loaded. AC, cassette. No accidents, great shape. No problems, great on gas. $7500/OBO. Call Ashley 802-578-6371

FORD ESCORT ZX WAGON 1995. 5-speed, 154 K, runs great, inspected thru 2/07. $1,100/OBO. 802-879-5514. Leave message.

HONDA ACCORD 1992 Sedan. 200 K, white exterior, 4-door, 5-speed. A/C. Some body rust but otherwise good condition. Great gas mileage. $1500/OBO. Call Beth 802-734-8414

HONDA ACCORD DX, 1995. 5-speed, 4-door, great condition, clean, 170 K. AC, AM/FM/CASS. $2625/OBO. 802-870-1415

HONDA ACCORD EX, 2000. V6, auto, leather, CD, power seat, sunroof, runs great, very well maintained. 79 K, has 10 year/100 K extended warranty. $12,500. 802-288-7447

HONDA CIVIC LX, 1993. 5-speed. PB/PW/PL/FM/AC/cruise, 171,600 miles. Well maintained, have all records. $1495/OBO. Rick 802-879-6499

HONDA CIVIC SI, 1990. 70 K on rebuilt engine. Lowered, custom wheels, cold air intake, catback. Excellent mechanical condition. Some rust. $2500. Evenings, 802-863-9264

LINCOLN TOWN CAR, 2000. Carriage top, leather, excellent condition. Best offer, must sell. 802-859-5409

MERCURY SABLE, 1990. Needs some loving but would be a great project or parts car. Call for more details. Asking $375/OBO. Seth 324-8215 or 238-8401

MINI COOPER, 2004. Winter package, DSC, AC, red mirrors, 5-speed. 35 MPG. Great miles per gallon. 25,500 miles. $17,900. 802-482-3312

MITSUBISHI GALANT, 1994. Loaded. 6 CD changer. All-season tires. Cruise. 127,200 miles. $1300. 802-8225 or 324-7172

MITSUBISHI GALANT LS, 2003. FWD, 30 K. Fully loaded, A/A wheels and Hakkapeliittas, leather. Great gas mileage. NADA average retail price $13,925/OBO. 802-318-4326 [illegible]@hotmail.com

NISSAN SENTRA, 1993. 5-speed, tinted windows, cruise control, AC. $650/OBO. Needs new alternator, many new parts: clutch, rotors, brake pads and custom exhaust. 802-598-0827

PONTIAC GRAND AM SE, 2005. Sedan, 4-door, maroon, auto, V6, 3.4 L, FWD, 12,101 miles, AC, power steering/door locks/windows, cruise, AM/FM/CD, moon roof, rear spoiler. Best price $13,779. Call Shearer, 658-1212

Shearer
Pontiac ◆ Cadillac
Hummer
www.shearerpontiac.com
Local. 802-658-1212
Toll free. 800-545-8907
1030 Shelburne Rd.
So. Burlington

PONTIAC GRAND PRIX, 2005. 4-door, silver, V6, 3.8 L, auto, FWD, 13,078 miles, AC, power steering/windows/locks, cruise, AM/FM/CD, power seat, rear spoiler. Best price $15,985. Call Shearer, 658-1212

PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GTP 2005. Sedan, 4-door, silver, V6, 3.8 L, supercharged, auto, FWD, 13,281 miles, AC, power steering/windows/locks, AM/FM/CD, OnStar, ABS, traction control, power seat, sliding sun roof, rear spoiler, alloy wheels. Best price $17,953. Call Shearer, 658-1212

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THIS CHEMICAL DUCK IS OUT OF WATER in Rutland County. Looking to swim northward where men might be more inclined towards the arts. If this makes you contact this vivacious, 50-something, full-bodied, well-aged woman for exploration. 1754

25 YO SWF FROM BURLINGTON AREA, ISO outgoing, intelligent, humorous, passionate SWM. Must be 5'1" or taller and 27-37 YO, emotionally fit and financially secure. For casual dating, fun times, maybe more. Interested? 1753

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Dear Lola,

I've been seeing "Dan" for more than a year. Lately we're more and more distant, and I'm concerned that he's depressed. His conversations have turned into rants about the dismal state of the world and, although I agree, I can't see the benefit of continuously focusing on the negative. Also, he doesn't seem motivated to try anything new. When I've brought up the changes in our relationship, he dismisses them. I do care for him, but I'm not happy. How can I determine if it's really time to end the relationship?

Wondering in Warren

Dear Wondering,

How about a trial separation? Since you're already feeling more distant, give yourself space to see other people — and open up the possibility of finding someone who makes you happy in the way that Dan no longer does. From his point of view, knowing he can't take you for granted may be the motivation Dan needs to get out of his rut. And if, after some time has passed, you find yourself still drawn to Dan, you'll know the relationship was meant to last.

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ARE YOU BETWEEN 45-52 YO, IN SHAPE and comfortable in jeans or a tux? Does an attractive, in-shape, politically liberal lady with shoulder length hair and green eyes sound like your idea of bliss? I bet we have a lot more in common. NS NO 1738

SWF BEAUTIFUL, SEXY, PROGRESSIVE, passionate, looking for the quintessential guy. Kind, compassionate, educated, liberal, adorable, good-looking, soft spoken, spiritual, open-minded, self assured, sexy, 26-40 YO, dWM, 420-friendly. 1810

28 YO 5'5 BLUE EYES, DIRTY BLONDE, SF enjoys reading, long walks, quiet nights at home, snuggling, nibbling hands. I'm caring, honest, loving, faithful, looking for WM 28-37 YO, caring, honest, loving, faithful for LTR. 1804

SEEKING COMPANION WITH INTEGRITY, honesty, good sense of humor, spirituality and intelligence to share meals, outings, theater, movies, music and time getting to know each other. ND SF 6A. 1803

TRUE, I'M A PROFESSOR, BUT I'M ALSO down-to-earth, outdoorsy, funny, and adventurous. 58 YO dWM with kayak, skis, snowshoes, backpack, Subaru, golden dog, hazel eyes, and New Yorker subscription seeks SF 45-58 YO for cup of coffee, possible true love. 1488

IMAGINE JOY! LET'S LIVE IT. IMAGINE love. Let's be it. Creative, intuitive, youthful, fit, attractive, NS, vegetarian dWF following her own heart-song seeks divine connection with NS dM, 50s-60s age range for heavenly bliss and down-to-earth companionship. 1588

THIS 28 YO SF IS GETTING TIRED OF dead end dates. I'm looking for someone giving, kind, stable, charismatic, gallant, flirty, educated, silly, and at least fairly upbeat who wants same in return. Tea and conversation. 1878

48 YO, SWF PETITE, SLIM, BRUNETTE, chocolate chip-brown eyes, attractive, hardworking, educated, N/D, N/S, social drinker, sharp sense of humor. Likes reading, movies, nature, traveling, theater, doing things around the house. Looking for SWM, 42-55 YO, financially, emotionally secure w/a good sense of humor... caring. 1808

LAMOILLE COUNTY AREA SWF, 38 YO, ISO SWM between 27-40 YO who enjoys most anything. I work part time. I have no children living with me at this time. 1801

VERY YOUNG, ATTRACTIVE 50'S PF WITH a wide variety of interests, ready for sharing thoughts over dinners, trips and more. Looking for a gentleman who's looking to balance his life. LTR possible with the right person. 1808

SWF NS 48 YO, BROWN/GRAY, PF ISO NS SWM, 40-60 YO. Nice lady. Laughter loving. Any intelligent, secure, relaxing TV/movie watching, quiet Sunday a.m. with coffee/paper. Likes loving, wine-drinking, cat-liking gentleman in this area. Hope so, call soon. 1833

EXCEPTIONALLY DELIGHTED, VERY PRETTY creative dancer, songstress, 40ish, seeks a single gentleman to share all, explore mom and child together on a working masterpiece. Classy yet simple, focused yet dreaming and open to unlimited possibilities. 1668

MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: SPEND more time with men who are smart, funny, confident, interested and interesting. I am all of the above, as well as optimistic and creative. 47 YO SWPF with sparkly smile, agile mind, and great dog. 1858

SWF 47 YO, FULL-FIGURED, 5'8, NS/ND, book lover, movie buff, gourmet cook. Seeks one truly deep and connected life partner. Please be a kind, considerate, sensitive soul who knows how to openly give and receive love and affection. 1388

SWF 38 YO LOOKING FOR FUN, SOMEone who has more time to share. Help me cope with life. I can't make it alone. Need love as well as give. 1879

38 YEARS YOUNG SWF ISO SM WHO IS kind, fun loving, has sense of humor and isn't into head games or dishonesty. My interests include music, skiing and animals. Financially secure and emotionally available, desire you to be also. Friends first, possible LTR. 1871

KINGDOM DWELLING RAVEN HAIRED beauty. Friend M B L W's. Kept dog and houseplant alive now? Am loving, S/D. These next 60 years are going to be great. Love dancing, jazz and lively conversation. I work hard, U do 2. 1341

SWCF 44 YO SEEKS HONEST HUMOROUS, decent, nice SWCM 44-54 YO. Looks not important but what's inside. Big beautiful gal appreciates a man who knows a good woman when he sees one. Friends first. Must be from Burlington area. Interested? 1839

SWF 22 YO, OPEN MINDED AND RECENTly returned from abroad. I am ISO SM 20-28 YO for a nice conversation over tea or a glass of wine. I enjoy music, art, the great outdoors, and a good laugh. 1328

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I AM A 45 YO WM/AM. I WANT TO BE A slave to a CD or TS. I am D/D free. I live in Milton. I will please you. 1860

DWM, 47 YO, 6'00", 180 LBS, FIT, WITTY, romantic, liberal, gentle, devoted, naughty, nonsmoking, average-good looks. Wants to be in love again w/fit soulmate. Do you like garden dirt, blue jeans, [illegible] talks, lingerie, laughing, cuddling, movies, Chinese food? 1968

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28 YO SUNNY SWM 5'8, 180 LBS, ISO SWF. I'm into snow boarding, music, sports, 420, hike, or just hang out. Just moved to Burlington. Looking to meet someone nice with great sense of humor. 1888

SWM, 45 YO, WOW! DO I JUST WRITE that? Youthful spirit, attractive, educated, leftist, not a bad bod either. Have fun jeans, teeth, dreams and fears. Love motorcycling, fishing and travel. Great sense of humor. You: attractive, real. 1948

SWM, 58 YO, 5'11, 175 LBS, PROGRESSIVE politics, 420, NA, spirituality (normal member), smoker but need to stay in ... Likes outdoors, fishing, camping, reading, travel (no Cal. Montana), plays, partly haunted by music. Seeks SF for friendship leading to magic/LTR. 1868

ATTRACTIVE, PHYSICALLY FIT SKI FREAK, SWM 40 YO, extreme thrill seeker enjoys ice climbing, motor/cycling, tree skiing to get my ya-yas out. Other outlets include hiking, golf, horseshoeing, swimming, snowboarding, kayaking. ISO honesty, passion for life. No TV. 1828

18 YO M, BURLINGTON, LEAVING FOR the service soon. Looking to have a good time before I leave. Flirting is a must. Drug-free. 1858

WM 28 YO, GOOD-LOOKING, RICH I'm long for a super sexy girl who knows how to have a good time. I'm not into chicks who are stuck on themselves. Confidence is cool, but so is modesty. Give a holla. 1788

AVERAGE 48 YO, 5'11, HONEST, HARDworking, NM, 4D, caring, funny, gentle guy looking to meet slender SWF 40-50 YO, wants to be herself, to start relationship with in Montpelier, Burlington area. 1880

23 YO SWEET, THOUGHTFUL SWM SEEKS quick-witted, self assured F to explore intellectual and emotional territory. I'm eclectic, offbeat, pragmatic, insightful, irreverent. Like Tchaikovsky and Ween? Enjoy both ends of the spectrum in one individual. 1888

SWM, 40 YO, BL/BR, DECENT SHAPE AND looks, kind, adventurous, attentive, ISO sensual and sultry SW/BF 24-44 YO for clean and discreet excitement. Open Explore? Partners, a gentleman we could be! Discretion assured! Let's try. 1882

SEEKING ATTRACTIVE BLONDE WOMAN. Tall, handsome WM, 48 YO seeks sexy woman looking for romance. Slim or full figured not an issue as long as you are passionate. Dinner et cetera needed. 1879

ALLITERATION ON VALENTINES! EXTOLS fun, faithful, forthright fellow fan fit, fetching, friendly forties female for festive, fruitful forays. (How can you say it out loud quickly three times in a row?) 1878

YOU BE LIKE ME: IN SHAPE, VERY ACTIVE, love a good bottle of wine, ski, golf, skate, 420, bike, sex. All of the above and much more. 1868

SWM, HANDSOME 6'9, 200 LBS, 48 YO, long curly brown hair, mustache. Carpenter, musician, painter, gardener, solar home, love nature, sports, cats, kids. Hate ignorance, intolerance, cruelty. ISO healthy, affectionate F to share. 1864

SWEET ON ADVENTURE FOR LIFE, LOVE and outdoors. Mountaineer, skier, climber, SWM seeks fit 25-40 YO F for friendship, LTR possible. Well, write. Kinky, sharing, caring, active, sexy and sane enough for each other. Honesty, communication, trust important. How about you? 1850

IN THE WOODS IS PERPETUAL YOUTH. Emerson. Mid-aged man, 5'9, 150 lbs, NS, beautiful spirit, beautiful man, good attitude, long-distance runner, artist, writer, hoping to find easygoing, kind, free spirit, for wonderful, open, loving relationship. It can happen. 1888

SWM 48 YO, LOOKING FOR LOVE. NEVER found it and woman I may have fooled. ISO mid 20s-mid 40s in same shape, good looking, and loves movies, bike riding, kids, NASCAR. If your money doesn't matter, NS/ND/NA. 1851

RETIRED DWM, COUNTRY BOY ISO 40 something (+ or -) lady. Active, fit and adventurous. I am financially and emotionally stable. Love to dance, travel, Harley rider. Plattsburgh. 1842

KIND, STEADY 41 YO, WM LOOKING FOR companion to laugh myself silly with while we chase lobsters around the kitchen floor. I live outside the city, but I would certainly like a reason for coming here every weekend and then some. 1835

54 YO WM, LOOKING FOR ATTRACTIVE F for fun, romance. Smoker and light drinker here. Must like kids. 1838

HOPELESS ROMANTIC, SWM 29 YO, SEEKing a SWF 21-30 YO who wants to be treated like a princess. 1827

HOPELESS LOSER, SWM, 45 YO, 6'6, can't find a date if my life depended on it. Complete basket case. Looking for slim, attractive lady with lots of time and patience for companionship. 1805

40 YO M ISO F 30-45 YO, AVERAGE looks and thin, who has a big heart, as I do. Let's get together for coffee. 1804

I AM A SWM, 40 YO, LOOKING FOR someone who is honest, loves to dance, walking and loves to be with family. 1808

57ish LOOKING: HANDSOME, LONG haired, physically more rock, flat broke, free-spirited, wise guy carpenter seeks attractive woman, 45-60 YO, with whom to garden, hike, and love. Pretty toes and dark brown a must. No flags or tattoos. Central Vt. 1802

40 YO SWM SEEKING SF 30-45 YO. A few extra pounds that I am losing weekly. Looking for a real girl that isn't afraid to be herself. Very 420-friendly. Let's join a gym together. Honesty is big with me. 1799

SWM 43 YO LOOKING FOR WOMEN 35-53 YO for friendship or more. I like women who like to be treated as an equal with no head games. 1782

24 YO STUDENT LOOKING FOR MELLOW girl to share sunny days outside. I love biking, snowshoeing, reggae, Tribe, animals. I am a vegetarian and cute. 420 a +. 1778

WANTED: SWF RUNNER, UNDER 40 YO, for occasional evening runs in Burlington area or Montpelier. 2-10 miles, easy hard etc. No strain training. 1766

BALANCED MINDED SEXY CROSS-DRESSING seeks very open-minded SF for love and fantasy. I'm cute male or female and can be your ultimate man or your sexy girl. Pictures available, so let's talk, meet and see. 1762

SWM 48 YO, KIND, COMMUNICATIVE, playful, mostly strong, intuitive, musical, attractive, intellectually and physically active, seeking interdependent LTR with an open-hearted, happy woman without full time children near Burlington. 1768

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Grover
Hellooo! I'm Grover and I am a handsome, 2-year-old, neutered male Coon Hound mix. I am a gentle giant who loves to sniff everything on walks – I am a hound after all – with my people. Because I love to follow my nose, I might need to be on a leash at all times when outside. I am active and energetic and would love lots of opportunities to get exercise and sniff. I also enjoy a soft bed to sleep on and relax. Doggie friends are great and I like to play with them even though I sometimes forget my manners. I could also use a refresher course in Housetraining 101. I would love a human friend who would take me to doggie school to help me become the best friend that I can be. I love food, so training with me should be fun! My ideal home would be with people ages 8 and up. What do you say?! Do you have the patience, love, and time for a big, loveable lug like me?

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SHOW ME A GOOD TIME. SWM SEEKING current, ex or wannabe stripper. Are you young, beautiful, sexy, playful? If so let's have some fun together. No strings. Possible LTR. 1611

DESPERATELY SEEKING YOU! HEALTH-conscious M who enjoys woods, organic foods, theater, movies, country/classical music, Formula 1 racing and country living, seeks a beautiful soul mate who is easygoing, warm, sensual, classy, maybe a little naughty — 40-50ish. 1608

50 YO M SEEKS F FOR FUN AND FRIENDSHIP. Our object: is to relive the 60s and 70's music. Prefer ND-NS-NA. But will be considerate. Activity to involve excursions, companionship and non alcoholic partying. 1604

38 YEARS YOUNG AND A BLAST! GOOD looking, sweet, fun, intelligent, sweet & naughty, charismatic and spontaneous. Fairly clear with passion and sexy. 150 nuts, please have most of your own. Used to self-confident women. Fun in the snow! 1569

SWM, 41 YO, LOOKING FOR F 29-40 YO love to go to movies, & meal, casual dates, keep each other warm on these cold nights. 1594

39 YO SINGLE FATHER YO! ENJOYS YO! outdoors and sports and has a great sense of humor. Looking for a 28-40 YO to enjoy them with. 1591

SWM, EMOTIONALLY AND FINANCIALLY secure. Looking for a woman to share good time with. Me: in great shape and romantic, dinners with candles and movies. You: No head games. Looking for LTR. 25-40 YO, race not important. 1589

I'M SWM, 42, 25 YO LOOKING FOR A respectful WF. honest and ready to be in love. I'm not a picky person but I like her to be fit, physically and emotionally. 1581

CUTE AND FUN, LAID-BACK, ATTENTIVE spontaneous, charming, enjoys flirting with women who enjoy the outdoors, pursuing simple life. Lots of fun, financially secure. Looking for cute playmate. I work alone. Outgoing, normally date a woman who is real outgoing. 1574

ON! CALL AWAY, GWM, YOUNG 42. Aged-well, smoker, seeks alongside to average woman, 42-50 YO, who likes to laugh, enjoys classic rock, dancing, good food and drink, Jacuzzi, romance, passion and is affectionate. Much more, call. 1496

SWM, 22 YO VEGETARIAN, LOVE YO snowshoe, bike, skateboard and would like someone who can share with me their experiences. Likes: skate, Movies, board games, video games, Internet, work, tea. SF. 1479

S, 34 YO, HANDSOME, FIT BLACK, BLUE Fun, creative, happy. Have place in the country. I am well built and endowed. 150 girls, college girls, women, for oral pleasure. I will please you. I give great massages. 1491

MAWM 200 NPF 40-50 YO. HAPPILY MARried handsome, fit, matrimony, creative professional seeks fit, attractive woman for love and play. (It's fine with my wife.) Let's talk. Discretion please. D/D free. 1427

I'M LOOKING FOR A LADY 21-39 YO TO help me with the treatment of my erectile dysfunction. Exotic dancer, massage specialist or NASE member, etc, to help. Call, we'll talk, meet and treat. 1404

DM, 50 YO, LOVES TO COOK AND DANCE retired, looking for DWF for care and laughter, romantic, attractive, to share my home with. LTR in good time. Someone to spend nights on weekends to start. 1403

CITY MAN SEEKS VT WOMAN. SWM, 50S living in NYC, wants serious LTR, marriage, open relationship with a caring, intelligent woman. Appearance is unimportant, age no obstacle. Looking for heart and soul and simple living. 1398

PREFER CANOES TO COMPUTERS. NONM turns to malls. Young and fit 45 YO, also respectful, spiritual, bearded, pensive, grounded, cogitant, perceptive. Appreciates cross-country skiing, hiking, canoeing, running, photography, healthy dinners, nurturing relationships, plays, music, warm smile, full moons and foot rubs. 1390

I'M LOOKING FOR YOU, LOVE OF MY LIFE. Is that possible? I can't describe you because you are like no one I've ever met. But I'll know it's you as soon as I hear your voice. 1391

HONEST, SINCERE, CLEAN-CUT SWM, soon to be 32 YO, fit, likes movies, quiet times together, dinners, camping, snowboarding, motorcycles, hunting, fishing, looking for a quiet SF 19-40 YO, ND, NA, preferably NS with similar qualities. Let's talk. 1377

43 YO SWM. LOVES ELVIS, PATRIOTS country music, would love just spending time at home with a beautiful woman cuddling, watching a movie. You are SWF 30-48 YO, open, friendly, fun, easygoing lady. 1376

PIC, PHOENIX, HIKE W/HONEST FIT humorous, intelligent, financially secure PPM. Seeking adventurous, active, fun loving PF 35-48 YO to share meaningful conversation, fine wine, traveling, dining out and home-cooked meals w/romantic, confident animal lover! Friendship first, possible LTR. 1374

PPM, 52 YO, LOOKING FOR LTR. WANT someone to not be the outside and a lot more on the inside. Love for yoga/arty movies, sports and meaningful stories on life. Consider myself a caring thoughtful person, but PC Police need not apply. 1366

HONEST, OPEN, INTELLIGENT, FUNNY compassionate 24 YO turkey ban seeking happy, life-loving F to learn from and about. Animal and music lovers a must. Comedy lovers, too +. If you're looking for a challenge or a fixer-upper, I'm not him. 1360

41 YO, GWM, DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON, casual dates, movies, bookstores. That's all. Tall with hair, funny, not possessive, not judgmental. 1358

FUN, OPEN-MINDED SWM, 29 YO, LOOKing for SF 18-30 YO. Kids are OK. I'm into movies and traveling, hiking, most anything other than sitting around the house. Friends first, possible LTR. Call me, [illegible] 1355

LOOKING FOR A WOMAN WHO WOULD like to have children and start a family. I enjoy walks, dancing and exercise. The outdoors is great, as is a great movie. I am 511, 160 lbs, FROM NP. 1347

SWM, EARLY 40S, ECLECTIC, TALL, DARK, handsome, fun, outgoing, educated, nice, new to area, seeking intelligent, kind, interesting PF for coffee/conversation, possible walks through town, waterfront, outdoors, trips to explore art, nature. Please, no melodrama, sitting in judgment. Burlington. 1345

41 YO PWM. IT'S COLD OUTSIDE, IT'S warm in my home, but not warm enough. Help warm me up, please. Humor and romance must be on your list of what you're looking for. 1342

29 YO SWM, LIVING IN JOHNSON, GOOD-looking. Fun, funny, open-minded, caring, sweet and also naughty, seeking F 21-35 YO for dating, fun and more. Must like to laugh a lot. 1332

SWM, 41 YO, 150 SWF 18-99 YO, YOU affection, pleasure and companionship, possible LTR. Music, movies, food, long walks & 20-friendly. I like to cook, pamper and cuddle. 1288

DO YOU HAVE A GENUINE LIKING FOR men and a total and reciprocate interest, comfort, understanding, connecting, nurturing, partnership relationship, with mutual affection, sensuality, fun and caring for each other's well-being? If so, that illusive two way chemistry is all that would be needed. 1260

SEEKING A 40-43 YO PF/WM INTEREST in flower, fruit and veggie gardens at my home. Do you like hike, cross-country ski and snowshoe? Looking for a theater, sports, movie, and summer concert lover. Looking for friendship first. 43 YO ISPM. 1297

60 +

PWM, RETIRED GENT, 61, 170 LB, W & fit, seeking F companion for downhill skiing, road biking, sailing, dinners in Montreal, travel plus your choice. Must be sane and thin. 1946

GENTLEMAN, FIT, ATTRACTIVE, SENSUAL and whimsical gentleman seeking F 60+, fire travel, warming and dining companion. Hopefully you would have similar traits. Let's chat. 1437

women > women

PORNO LIKE YOU? I'M 150 & CUTE, SHORT woman. Smoker, meal-eater okay. Must be a Cancer, love boating, walking, Church Street popcorn, concerts, and hearing your flop like an angel. Ready for riding your game. Call me. 1997

SWEET SEXY FEMME 40 YO SEEKS sweet, sexy butch for down-to-earth fun, cuddling and laughter. Looking for somebody who is warm, honest and tender to celebrate life with. No long-term commitment necessary, but no players, please. 1800

LOVELY SLIM LADY 50'S, 150 LBS. Seeking involved, intelligent life with another educated/PWF. Desires an exotic, colorful woman who likes in-depth world/metaphysic conversation, nature, the arts and some classical music. NP/ND. No overweights, please. 1968

SM, 29 YO WITH EXOTIC LOOKS, LIGHT brown complexion. Laid-back, shy, enjoys listening to music, shopping and painting, eating the lunch, traveling. Looking for down-to-earth 18-25 YO F to get to know [illegible]. 1368

CAN YOU COME OUT TO PLAY? 28 YO SWF 150 29-40 YO lesbian dominant. Looking for talented, confident and outgoing woman who will take charge and bunch me the boundaries between pleasure and pain. Safe, sane and consensual. 1247

men > men

405 SGWM ATTRACTIVE, YOUNG LOOKING 59, 150 lbs, b/bl 150 guys, young guys + who like to receive great oral and top this hot bottom. Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle. 1368

ALONE, SWM 52 YO MASCULINE SEEKS younger GWM of slender, smooth build for fun on weekend in St. Albans area. Be honest, D/D-free. 1772

PFOGATSCU SEEKS OGLDIVMP FOR YLC KFC, 3DRY and possible LTR. RYOB ASAP 1612

TALL, MMF HLAR, 38 YO WM 150 WILL hang men who like to be serviced! Very hungry, aggressive mouth, masculine. Daytime. Let's get hot. 1601

32 YO BIWM 5'10 120 LBS. ATTRACTIVE, clean-cut, in shape and very discreet. Looking to meet young 18-32 YO guy that's in shape, cute, into back rubs and more. Boys will be boys. Call me, we'll go from there. 1630

AUTO FELLATIO-ORAL SELF GRATIFICAtion—gay sex. It is transcendence and completion and fantasy come true. One I'm just exploring myself. Anyone curious on the interior, please call. I'm BL, fun, healthy, attractive and would love to talk. 1401

GWM, 53 YO, ATTRACTIVE, CLEAN D/D free, seeking closeted straight, college, and/or married guys in need of relief and fun. Discreet encounters. I can host. Discretion is my personal. Hairy-chested guys a +. No one over 45 YO, please. 1301

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HERB VAN DER POLL WRITER of WORDS
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In 2008 Herb kills himself distraught over the re-election of George W. Bush
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at least it's not McDonald's
In 2027 Rose is crushed during a rush to the stage at a Marilyn [illegible] concert. After three weeks in Heaven Rose decides she'd rather be in Hell
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ARE THERE ANY YOUNG BOTTOMS OUT there who are boyfriend material? I'm a 32 YO, good looking, muscular top looking for a fun-loving guy in his 20's who's romantic, passionate and open to a LTR. 1479

SEEKING FRIENDS, FUN AND WHO knows. Good-looking mid 40's GWM. Not into bar scene, looking for nice, honest guys into monogamous one on one. Haven't found it yet. Help me out you do a Thanks. See ya. 1344

DUMB BLONDE COWBOY LOOKING FOR stallions and a big black bull to ride bareback. Private residence hosting ... videos w/your friends. Will perform orally at rest stops or glory holes. 1444

45 YO F BLACK M ISO LTR W/COLLEGE educated/P.M. 40-50 YO. I am good-looking guy w/a great smile and nice hair 5'9 140 lbs. Looking for a nice guy who wants to go the ... 1333

CUPID PATTERNS THIS TIME OF YEAR with Valentine. Gay man ISO all that's missing at Valentine's. My heart pounds for a guy who can laugh, has interests of his own and most of all willing to share in what it takes to just be. Once again Cupid patterns this time of year with Valentine, how about you and me? 1274

bi seeking?

40 YO M BURLINGTON MAN LOOKING for hot fun and friends. Good looking, younger-looking, fun guy, 150 lbs, 5'6 smooth body. FF is OK. Bi w/bi guy is great. Well hung. Burlington area. 1981

I AM A 41 YO, WELL-EDUCATED, VERY good looking African American M ISO a well-educated F M or trans up to 45 YO for friendship and/or more. Person must enjoy laughter and like to communicate. 1931

ROUND PEG IN A SQUARE HOLE SEEKS someone with a freaking doorbell who doesn't drive by the map but sees where the road leads. Open windows a must. 1880

28 YO SEXY ADVENTUROUS, SPUNKY AND outgoing Latino woman looking for 25-40 YO woman. Must be slim to average build, sexy confident, outgoing with big breasts a +! Call if you'd like to meet this hot tamale! 1840

BI WM LOOKING FOR GUYS FOR HOT wild sex and a guy who likes to go out to dinner and the bars. Be D/D free and ready for good time. Love to please orally. All calls answered. Serious inquiries only. 1778

ARE YOU A HEALTHY BI M TO EXPERImenting straight guy who could use some discreet relief in a rural setting? If it feels right, I am at your service. Brandon/Middlebury area. 1442

ARE YOU HAPPY AT HOME, BUT COULD really use a good looking, well-hung buddy with his own place between Burlington and Middlebury? Be straight acting, hairy-chested, ... and discreet. 1488

SLUT NEEDS DADDY. SEXY BI TRANNY seeks sugar daddy for mutually beneficial relationship. I'm 140 lbs, 5'10, shaved, silky-smooth. Active oral and more. Passable, confident, exhibitionist, love adventure, wild fun, groups. Clean, massive wardrobe, enjoy role playing. 1444

SEEKING VERY DISCREET, CLEAN, SAFE, M for daytime fun. No MA. 54 YO, tall, dark, handsome. Discretion guaranteed. No games. Seniors only. 1487

45 YO BI LOOKING FOR BIF FOR DIScreet fun. If you're looking for a sexually satisfying time, call me. I love everything about a woman, especially her willingness to be uninhibited. I can be nice or naughty, it's up to you. 1494

WHEN 400 LBS. BUT SOMEWHAT MUScular, never been with a guy but very curious. Would like to exchange oral, massage, maybe more. Willing to travel. Live near Burlington. No heavy relationship. Just looking for fun. Give me a jingle. 1482

IT'S THE NEW YEAR. 27 YO MALE LOOKing to start the new year out right. Outgoing, hardworking and fun. Looking for the same! 1453

just friends

MAW GENTLEMAN, 40 YO. GREAT SENSE of humor, easygoing, loves the great outdoors, rides a nice Harley, works early mid-nights, seeking MA attractive F friend to share calm easygoing days at the beach, clothes optional. No serious commitments. 1872

W SEEKS W FRIENDSHIP. 5? YO EX health care/massage therapist. MA/ND not athletic anymore, but still like nature. Enjoy road trips, home days, ... Creative, varied interests. Christian/Catholic. Recent loss 30-yes. LF. 18??

MY MOM NEEDS A FRIEND. RECENTLY widowed, middle-age, ... mom needs someone to hang out with, drink coffee or beer and chat. Must be kind patient and smoke-tolerant. I'm leaving and don't want to leave her lonely. 1785

SPRING IS COMING. SAILING CREW needed for 30' sailboat. Will train you. Inexperience no problem. Male, female. Nice boat, hot shower. Nice kitchen with fridge. Docked at Malletts Bay. Let's talk. 1774

couples seeking...

BI-CURIOUS MWC 44/46 YO ISO M TO meet with. Open to most anything. Give us a call, we'll see what happens. 1891

25/26 YO MA/WC/CU ISO BI M/F OR CU for casual gatherings. We encourage all interested to respond. No restrictions on weight/color. Age less than 40 YO. 1898

SHE THINKS SHE GIVES BETTER HEAD? he thinks he's better. Bi guy decides. 1871

WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING TO SCRATCH THE threesome itch. We need help. Possibly a CU. Help us. You won't regret it, we are really good! 1837

32/40 YO CU LOOKING TO MEET SOME fun friends w/benefits. 420-friendly, light drink, looking for long term, not one night. She's an exhibitionist, he likes to watch. Burlington area. 1763

YOUNG MACU, 20 YO M, 20 YO F LOOKing for Bi F for our first time. We are active and energetic, please be the same. 1706

KINKY PLAYMATE WANTED: ISO MEN 18-40 YO, Barre area. For kinky fun. I want to watch my boyfriend give oral to a man so I can punish him for being naughty. Can host. 1498

SUPPORT MY [illegible] WMACU SEEKING all for casual sexual ... Requirements: Discreet, 18-40 YO, own transportation, under 180 lbs. Must be available the first week of February. 1484

CU SEEKING BI M TO FULFILL SEXUAL FANtasies. You won't be disappointed. No CU please. Give us a call. Must be D/D-free. 1444

MID-TWENTIES CU SEEKS RAVE CARPOOL. You provide car/van. We provide the cash. Let's plan weekend trips this spring to raves/techno clubs/tent camp-out hippie festivals. Deadheads a +. Bring your ... friends and glow sticks. 1484

30 YO CU ISO OTHER CU TO DOUBLE THE pleasure. Must be considerate of others' needs as well as their own. Drink and 420-friendly. Long term. Straight M/F curious. D/D-free. No health or control freaks. 1394

MAWCU 27 YO 5'6 124 LBS. SEARCHing for discreet bi 40 YO SM and Bi black men encouraged, to help my master dominate me. Height/weight proportionate. Please call my master for details, he'll let you know what the night entails. 1478

women seeking...

28 YO HOTTIE BLONDE, 5'4 136 LBS ISO large man under 40 YO ... DJ. Have big boyfriend to play too ... 6' 180 lbs. Lot of small men, please don't reply. Platts area. 427 1844

40 YO GF ISO SGW 25-45 YO TO JOIN our dating club. Call to find out more about Vermont's first Lesbian dating club. 1744

A FEW WEEKS AGO MY HOROSCOPE RECommended wild adventure. I need an adventure partner. Wimps, whiners and couch potatoes need not apply. Call for details. 1770

men seeking...

MA SWPM 6'2 195 LBS. BROWN HAIR hazel eyes, with some means and a sharp wit, seeks slender, pretty, intelligent, young woman for a "moderately perverted affair," not necessarily leading to anything in particular. 1950

CUTE 25 YO SWM. 5'9 BROWN, SPIKY black hair, open minded, kinky. Seeking female or females for mutual masturbation or to watch me. If you like watching, I'm definitely for you. 1887

40 YO M SEEKING PLEASURE FROM SWF 18-40 YO. Any size, shape. Shaved a must. Clean, healthy M. No diseases, must be clean. 1870

SWM SEEKING SF INTO MUSIC, READING astrology, movies, conversation and tea. Me: 42 YO, 5'6 140 lbs. Bi/... hard to understand. You: 45 a ... lovable, huggable and leggy? Don't remain alone. 1854

WANTED: ASIAN QUEEN BETWEEN 30-44 YO. I'm into a very attractive, very young looking SWM, 40 YO, lots of fun, dresser well, financially well. Enjoy dinners out, movies, concerts, good conversations, romance, much more. 1793

MBIWM 35 YO LOOKING FOR TVS, TS, and select M to please. Loves oral, plenty of free time looking for regular hook-up. Call, you won't be disappointed. 1474

M WVEHH LOOKING FOR F/CU EXHIBItionists for fun and good times. Let's talk. 1434

SACRED-INTIMATE, BODY SACRED AND heart-centered, health trained, a moderately aged and ... men seeking self-healing and boundary-breaking, naked (optional) spontaneous encounters with individuals or groups of women seeking transcendence and healing. Win-win intention to reciprocate beautiful and loving experiences. Discretion and confidentiality expected. 1404

40 YO M ISO SM OR BCU. BI + FOR HOT winter fun and discreet hookups. Endowed is a +. Can't wait to hear from you. 1485

M, CLEAN AND DRUG-FREE, HO2 SEEKing playful F 25-35 YO, to get nude and have intimate and erotic pleasure to meet ... Burlington area. 1484

GOOD-LOOKING, SEXY MAWM, VERY well endowed. ISO an open-minded, adventurous, slightly kinky F for occasional mutual masturbation only. Age, size unimportant. Must be D/D free. Get to know me first, then decide. 1492

BIM, SINGLE, ISO MEN 40 YO OR younger in shape, well-endowed ... or more is OK. I'm very submissive. 420 S&M W/S is OK, as I like it rough. Will answer all calls. Interested. I do swallow. ... have toys, will wear collar and leash. Have you fun. 1474

ATTENTION BOTTOM BOYS, SUBMISsives, CDS and sissy boys. This healthy, 46 YO horny top wants you. Be 18-40 YO. Young and thin preferred, but all responses considered. Admit to your fantasies and leave a detailed message. Lamoille and Chittenden counties. 1470

TALL, CLEAN, ATHLETIC, SWM 40'S ISO special relationship with attractive female to accompany me on regular basis to adult swing gatherings. Event hosts, please contact me ASAP. 1450

WM, 24 YO, GOOD-LOOKING AND RICH. Seeking a smokin' hot party girl to tear it up when I'm in B town two times a month. You, 21-3? YO, hot, and ready to go. No strings. 1424

LOOKING TO DO SOME FATHER/DAUGHTER role playing. Are you a submissive female 18-24 YO that would like to fulfill a long-time fantasy through role playing? If so then give dad a call. 1258

I BEE, HIGHEST-QUALITY ITALIAN SEED for fertile women in need. You may be married, partnered, lesbian or single. 1244

EXPERIENCED, SEXY, LOVING, CARING M, 40 YO. Looking for wild times w/partner into sharing in consensual bondage games. Require adventurous spirit, discretion, ... ND. Being fantasies desires ... much life, trust, respect to share ... 1254

i spy

HOT TALL, SHAGGY BLONDE GUY WITH rosy cheeks. JP's date day and then saw you driving your big green 4runner. I can never forget your face. I want to be the guy who makes you smile. 1957

MONTPELIER CHURCHES, WEDNESDAY 2/08 at p.m. your black coat almost as beautiful as you. You: blue jeans, white ... vision in mitten. Me: older guy filling up next to you. Meet for coffee/tea sometime? 1954

SWEET BR, I HEAR YOU WHISPERING MY name through the tall pines and white birches surrounding the cottage by the creek. Happy Valentine's Day from your HRS. 1944

TO A VIOLENT GIRL WHO'S NOT SCARED of anything: heart you have a birthday coming up. Let us know how you'd like to spend it. 1952

I SPY MY LOVELY BLUE EYED MAIDEN crossing the covered bridge in Cambridge Junction. Will you be my Valentine? 1948

RED HEADED WOMAN AT CITY ON NORTH Ave. Friday 2/04 that waved and smiled as I walked through your path. Wanna DMV? (Dare my Valentine?) 1947

I SPY A MISH A HAY HAY ANOTHER shadow. I see you everyday but want you to know how much you mean to me. I couldn't ask for a better friend. A Hag Hay. 1943

2/08 AT THE HALL: BRUNETTE W/ WONderful eyes: Nickel Creek vs. Nickelback? Les Bunny ... Eeric. I'm not rude and ... interrupt the other guy. Come back to Stowe sometime. Please?? Would love to meet up again. 1942

YOU SAID YOU WERE INTO MOLECULAR genetics and tae kwon do when we chatted in Sociology class. Let's have a Family Guy marathon followed by a sexual study session. 1941

YOU, THE GIRL AT MOVIES. ME, THE GUY in Keene. The message I miss you. 1947

I SPY THE TRUE LOVE OF MY LIFE WORKing at the Metro ... Dark brown hair and sexy green eyes, yummy. FG: you may again know who I am ... remember I am always there for you. XOX DXD 1930

B: ARE YOU THE ONE TO STEAL MY HEART completely? Are you the one that I have waited for? Let's make a date for the 14th. L 1936

SNEAKS, IF I WERE AN OCTOPUS I WOULD hold your umbrella in all sorts of weather. Maybe I could be the very Lady on your arm? B 1935

DANIELA, WE MET AT THE ... AND WENT for a motorcycle ride. That was nice. Almost a year now and planning our third trip to Italy! Wanted you to know you make me very happy! Ciao, your beloved ... 1444

I SPY EVASIVE SCHL IN WARREN, VT Enjoyed reading about you online and would like to hear more about you, your kids, snowboarding, etc. My goody ... comfortable ... include Scofield Sealants and Ebuggable. 1432

TO THE KIND MAN AND HIS SON WHO literally went out of their way for a stranger's emergency! My sister and I reached our destination, you couldn't have been more helpful! Cheers to you! 1488

I DIDN'T SPY A THIEF, YOU TOOK MY BAG out of my office and I'd like it back. I know you'll keep some things, but the bag, pen and pins/patches are very sentimental. No questions asked, just bring it back. 1940

MR. Z, HANDSOME BARTENDER IN ESSEX. You make me smile more and more each day. Thank you. Sweet M. 1924

TAG, YOU'RE IT! MEET ME IN OUR FLY Infested house for more games—and you can tag me. 14? 1427

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY HEAVENLY You are the most extraordinary carpenter, musician, man that I know. How about some Rummy, tea and possibilities? 1424

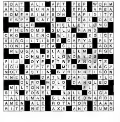
I SPY THE MAN I WANT. IT WAS VALENtine's Day 1988. I would do it all over again. I did. I do. I love you. 1924

VSO WALTZ NIGHT: I DIDN'T CATCH YOUR name but I know I caught your eye. You: the trumpet player lingering at dinner. I was in a purple gown organizing the event. I waited for you to talk to me. Drinks sometime? 1424

I SPY THE HOTTIE HEALTHY LIVING EMPLOYEE who is heading to India for far too long. Will you be my Valentine from the other side of the world? zone 1924

ERA ON THE ALPINE SHOP, YOU FIT MY boots, can you fit my glass slipper? I would like to find out. Martinis at Ramjack this Saturday? 1422

02/08/06 crossword answers.



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Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 2 years professional guiding or outdoor pursuits experience preferred. Strong skills in oral and written communication, good organizational ability, computer competency, and a commitment to the overall development of the student leader and the mission of the College are all essential. Must have a valid driver's license, ability to operate a 12 passenger van, possess a current Wilderness First Responder Certification (SOLO, WMI, and WMA only), and current CPR Certification and the ability to instruct/coach at the instructor/advanced level in one of the following disciplines: rock climbing, ice climbing, sea kayaking or whitewater kayaking. Applicants must possess the ability to work with students in physically demanding, extended wilderness environments.

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Send letter of application, resume and the name of three references to:

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One Winooski Park, Colchester, Vermont 05439

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A Division of the Howard Center for Human Services

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We are seeking a skilled and motivated individual to join our team of professionals. Interventionist will assist in developing therapeutic relationships with students struggling to find success in public school due to academic, social-emotional and behavioral challenges. This position requires individual to be comfortable with the management of aggressive behavior. Position is full-time, year round, starting immediately. The annual salary is $25,506 plus full benefits. B.A. is required. Please submit your resume and three references to **Maura Sawtelle**.

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WHAT: FINDING THE WORK YOU WANT

Everyone wants good work: good work to do, and good people to do it with. Over the years here at the Solo Circle, we have learned that being a Solo means thinking independently — it doesn't mean always working alone. As solos, connections are our future; every project we work on, every customer we have, is a connection to a deeper web that supports all of us.

Finding the work you want is about knowing yourself, being "real," and being available for others. It really does all come back to connection. So let's talk about how it works!

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COST: There is no cost for this event – it is intended as a community contribution paid for by Gallagher Flynn & Company, Mark Renkert, The Ethan Allen Club, Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility, VBSR, The Solo Circle, Liz Schlegel and Erik Filkorn.

WHEN. Tuesday, February 21

TIME. 4:30 - 6 PM

WHERE: Ethan Allen Club, 298 College Street, Burlington (www.ethanallenclub.org)

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Specialized Community Support Worker

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EMPLOYMENT

Spring Season Positions in Our Retail Store

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Send application materials to Human Resources-S, Norwich University, 158 Harmon Drive, Northfield, VT 05663, or via email: jobs@norwich.edu

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PPNNE's mission is to provide, promote and protect voluntary choices about reproductive health for all.

Immediate opening for a full-time Accounts Receivable/Grants Specialist (37.50 hours weekly) in our Williston office, with main emphasis on budget preparation, tracking and billing for diverse federal, state, and foundation grants. Other duties include accounts receivable/cash receipts responsibilities, balance sheet account reconciliation, and some support to accounts payable. Requires an Associate's degree in accounting and 1-2 years relevant experience (or the equivalent) plus thorough knowledge of Microsoft Office products and computer data entry, familiarity with basic accounting principles and methods, excellent communication and organizational skills, and commitment to outstanding customer service. Competitive benefit package available including health, dental, life, retirement, and PPNNE health care services.

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PPNNE, Senior Accountant
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RESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR (ON-CALL SUBSTITUTE HOURS)

Looking for compassionate, self-directed people to provide on-site support and household management for adults considered to have major mental illness and some physical health problems in a community care home in Burlington. Looking to hire for all three shifts and especially the awake overnight shift. Students are welcome to apply. Individuals with some nurse's aid training or mental health background are appreciated. Hours are flexible. Send resumes to **Debra Clemmer by March 1, 2006 at the HCHS, 300 Flynn Ave., Burlington, VT 05401 or email DebraC@howardcenter.org.**

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Individuals needed for residential programs for adults who have major mental illness and/or substance use disorders. Excellent benefits. BA/BS in related field required. Familiarity with behavioral treatment plans preferred. Send resumes to **Liz Mickenberg at HCHS 300 Flynn Ave., Burlington, VT 05401 or LizM@howardcenter.org** THREE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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Mountain Pride Media

Mountain Pride Media, publisher of *Out in the Mountains* is seeking an Operations Manager. The position is part-time (15 hours/week) with a starting salary of $9200 per year. The position begins March 1, 2006 and we will be accepting applications until filled.

Job Requirements:

- Experience in general office management
- Significant knowledge and use of Microsoft Office and Quick Books
- Knowledge of the GLBT community in Vermont
- Project management and supervision experience
- Website maintenance skills

The MPM Operations Manager will:

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- Management of MPM's advertising representatives
- General office duties

Please forward your resume to the following address:

MPM Operations Manager Search
PO Box 1122, Burlington, VT 05402-1122
or search@mountainpridemedia.org

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Stone Environmental, Inc., an environmental consulting firm located in Montpelier, VT is seeking a self-motivated, customer-oriented, high performance team player to join its dynamic team.

STAFF ACCOUNTANT/BOOKKEEPER
The successful accountant will be detail oriented with excellent accounting and computer skills. Duties include invoicing, accounts payable and receivables, employee expense reimbursements, bank account reconciliation, monthly financial statement preparation, and providing support to project managers.

These duties require the ability and desire to learn and master our project accounting software **(WIND2)** and excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with database principles, facility with spreadsheets, and the willingness to support other administrative tasks also expected. A degree in accounting and three to five years experience is required.

Stone Environmental offers competitive wages and benefits. Only qualified candidates need apply by sending their resume to Human Resources at

Stone Environmental, Inc., 535 Stone Cutters Way, Montpelier, VT 05602
via fax 802-229-5417 or via email to hr@stone-env.com
Our website: www.stone-env.com

Burlington College

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ACADEMIC DEAN SEARCH

Burlington College, a progressive liberal arts college emphasizing individualized education and community involvement, is seeking an Academic Dean. The Dean is responsible for the academic leadership of the College, including program development, and reports directly to the President.

The successful candidate will have a commitment to progressive education, collaborative leadership, and intensive academic advising. S/he will have strong academic administration experience with a demonstrated knowledge of enrollment management practices, outcomes assessment, and institutional reporting.

Minimum qualifications include a doctorate or a terminal degree in an academic field, three-to-five years of increasingly responsible administrative experience, and at least two to three years of teaching experience at a post-secondary level. Excellent oral, written and computer skills are required. An equivalent combination of education and experience with comparable knowledge and abilities will be considered. Burlington College is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For more information please contact:

Jack Austin, Human Resources Coordinator
Burlington College, 95 North Ave., Burlington, VT 05401
Phone: 802-862-96[illegible] · Fax: 802-84[illegible]-5072 · Email: jaustin@burlcol.edu

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Zutano

Zutano, Inc. is a fun and exciting children's clothing manufacturer located in the scenic hills of Cabot. We are looking to fill the following position:

CUSTOMER SERVICE SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Highly skilled and motivated self-starter needed to join our growing company. Candidate must possess strong communication and relationship building skills as well as outstanding interpersonal skills. This individual will be working in a Wholesale environment with Retail Accounts. Attention to detail, the ability to manage projects and learn a team environment is essential. Candidate must have strong writing and phone skills with computer knowledge. Previous Customer Service and Sales experience required. Some limited travel. This position offers a competitive benefits and compensation package.

If you like fashion, children and working in a close knit team environment, please send your resume to:

Zutano, Inc., 1785 Coits Pond Rd., Cabot, VT 05647
Or email kris@zutano.com

The Intervale Foundation is a nonprofit dedicated to developing farm and land-based enterprises that generate social and economic opportunity while protecting natural resources. We are seeking to fill two important positions:

Agricultural Development Specialist: Coordinate farm viability program and support Intervale consulting services. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree plus 3 years business planning/enterprise analysis experience, demonstrated commitment to farming, and experience working with farmers, strong organizational, facilitation and writing skills, ability to work independently and as a team to juggle multiple priorities. 32-40 hours/week.

Development/Administrative Associate: Research and prepare grant applications and other fundraising correspondence, manage program admin. duties esp. database updates and meeting coordination, coordinate volunteers, plan events. Qualifications: Strong communication skills, detail-oriented, committed to a high level of quality control and record-keeping, min. one year fundraising and admin./database mgmt. experience, friendly team player, committed to farming. Up to 30 hours/week.

The Intervale offers a creative work environment and competitive wages/benefits. Send cover letter and resume to:

Kit Perkins kit@intervale.org
Executive Director, Intervale Foundation
180 Intervale Road, Burlington, VT 05401
www.intervale.org

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Provide high quality and efficient administrative support to the Business Manager. Duties include reception, handling incoming telephone inquiries, photocopying, maintaining files, preparing document shipments, coordinating and scheduling travel, processing expense accounts, arranging facility for meetings, and other general requests for support. Requires excellent communication, attention to detail, multitasking and organizational skills. Experience in office administration. Associate's degree. MS Suite knowledge. Tech-savvy. Can-do attitude.

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Excellent written, verbal and presentation skills. College degree. As Technical Writer, understand and interpret complex technical applications to formulate documents. Previous experience in technical writing required. As Technical Trainer, develop comprehensive manuals and associated training materials to deliver software to clients. Laboratory or life science background preferred.

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Our eCommerce Group is Growing

DR® Power Equipment, a national direct marketer of outdoor power equipment, is looking for motivated individuals to fill the following positions on our eCommerce team:

Web Producer
This position will be responsible for maintaining, updating and creating product content on our websites. The successful candidate will have an understanding of merchandising, marketing and web usage, as well as a passion for the web. Strong analytical skills, especially in assessing web traffic, are required in an effort to maximize traffic flow and revenue. We are looking for an innovative, hard worker with knowledge of HTML and content management. Experience with Flash, DreamWeaver, and web publishing tools are a plus.

Online Marketer/Media Buyer
We are looking for an experienced web marketer/media buyer to coordinate and grow the online marketing activities for our website. This is an exciting opportunity to work as the advertising and marketing specialist within a our web team. We are looking for the right person to lead the effort to drive customers to our web sites. The position will develop and manage our paid search, organic search, affiliate and other online marketing programs. The ideal candidate will have media buying experience either with search or other media and a desire to bring that strength to our website. Experience with email marketing is a plus.

Please apply in person at our Factory Store on Meigs Road in Vergennes or send email or fax your resume and letter of interest to:

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QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree preferred in an appropriate discipline plus three years of related social work experience or a combination of experience and education from which comparable knowledge and skills are acquired. Knowledge of homelessness, mental illness and substance abuse is required. Problem solving, case management skills, supervision experience necessary.

Mary Anne Kohn, COTS
PO Box 1616, Burlington, VT 05402
Email: MaryAnneK@cotsonline.org

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COTS

THE PHILO CENTER

Practice Manager

We're looking for an exceptional person with a big heart and a big brain to take our nonprofit Occupational Therapy practice to the next level! The Practice Manager will oversee all daily operations of the Philo Center, including administration, finances, and flow. The Philo Center offers a supportive and team oriented work environment. If you have experience with office and human resource management in a health care or nonprofit setting, please give us a call. If it sounds like someone you know, kindly pass this information along.

The Philo Center is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide traditional and innovative occupational therapy services to individuals with special needs, and inspiration and educational opportunities to their families and the community that both supports and is enriched by them.

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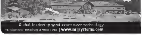

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Please send resume with cover letter referencing this position to **VNA, Attn: HR, 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, Vermont 05446**

Town of Williston

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South Burlington, VT 05403

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Middlebury, VT 05753
802-388-3300
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Part-time Administrative Assistant

To provide high quality and efficient administrative support as well as perform computerized accounting duties in friendly, comfortable Williston office. Candidates must be detail-oriented with the ability to organize multiple projects, maintain high level of confidentiality and work independently as well as in team environment. MS Office, written and verbal communication skills also required. Work hours 25-30 per week with start/end time flexibility. **Qualified candidates should email their resume and cover letter and salary requirements to officeassistant06@yahoo.com**

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Leesa Stewart, VPIRG
141 Main St., Ste 6, Montpelier VT 05602
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Peace & Justice Center in Burlington, Vermont is seeking a skilled and inspiring leader with a passion for justice. This role requires knowledge and experience in the following areas:

- Strategic organizational planning
- Program planning and staff supervision
- Fiscal planning and oversight
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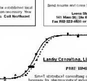
Qualified candidates will have five years of demonstrated organizational and program experience. They must have a broad knowledge of and involvement related to issues of race, class, peace and human rights. Salary is $30,000-$40,000 depending on experience, hours and budget. Interested candidates will please submit a resume, cover letter and writing sample to the Search Committee, Peace & Justice Center, 21 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401. **Deadline February 21. Complete job description: www.pjcvt.org**

The PJC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. People of color are especially encouraged to apply.



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Send resume and cover letter to:

Sarahe@lanskyconsulting.com
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Food Works
64 Main St., Montpelier, Vermont 05602
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Online @ 7Dclassifieds.com

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Accounts Receivable Manager

The VNA has reopened its search for a full-time Accounts Receivable Manager. This position provides management of our Agency's accounts receivables and billing, including supervision of a staff of nine. A Bachelor's degree in accounting, business or another appropriate discipline, with 4 to 5 years of relevant experience is required. The successful candidate will have a background in accounting. Experience with health care billing is desired. Competitive salary and benefits are included.

Please send resume with cover letter referencing this position to VNA, Attn: HR, 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, Vermont 05446

VBSR
VERMONT BUSINESSES FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

MEMBER SERVICES COORDINATOR

Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility seeks full time Member Services Coordinator to provide information and services to VBSR members and the public, and to provide for efficiently running office. Requires strong customer service and sales skills, cheerful telephone manner, flexibility, strong oral and written communication and project organization skills, strong teamwork ethic, administrative and computer skills, and ability to work independently in fast-paced environment, plus dedication to socially responsible business principles. Nonprofit experience desirable. Available immediately. Email letter and resume to:

Spencer Putnam, Executive Director
spencep@vbsr.org

DARTMOUTH JOURNAL SERVICES

Dartmouth Journal Services, Waterbury VT, provides the production management, copyediting, page layout, and files-to-printing [illegible] for some of the most prestigious scientific, technical, and medical journals in their fields.

PRODUCTION EDITOR ASSISTANT

The Production Editor Assistant provides support services for Production Editors. Responsibilities: checking incoming manuscripts for completeness, and identifying and following up on missing materials; preparing and maintaining issue folders; preparing manuscripts for copyediting, sizing art in accordance with customer standards; monitoring color art requirements, offprint and copyright forms; and responding to author inquiries.

Requirements: ability to manage multiple tasks, strong communication skills including a professional level of correspondence (phone and email). High School diploma or equivalent, ability to work days: 8:30am-5pm.

PRODUCTION EDITOR

The Production Editor performs editing and issue management production, from receipt of new manuscripts through issue release to press; may serve as an account's primary customer contact for Production Services.

Requirements: organized and attentive to fine detail; must be able to [illegible]; knowledge of scientific terminology preferred; ability to resolve conflict in a professional manner; good computer skills, including keyboarding, file management, databases, and experience with MS Word. Bachelor's degree preferred; minimum 5 years of former publishing experience.

The rewards are competitive compensation and full benefits that include medical/dental/life insurance, tuition reimbursement, and a 401(k) with a company match. Interested candidates should forward their resume with salary requirements to: [illegible], by fax 802-[illegible] or by mail to: Mrs. [illegible], Recruiting/HR [illegible] of Dartmouth Journal Services, 11 [illegible], Hanover, NH 03755. EOE

Winooski Valley Park District

PARKS MANAGER

Regional land trust with 35 year history of buying and managing urban natural areas seeks resourceful self-starter for position of responsibility. Duties: responsible for parks maintenance including hiring and management of seasonal crew, some budget management, grant writing. Experience with light carpentry, trail maintenance and parcel acquisition desirable. Job description may be obtained by phone 802-863-5744, or email WVPD@sover.net. Send resume, salary requirements or history & references to:

Winooski Valley Park District
Ethan Allen Homestead
Burlington, VT 05401.

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Part-time **$10.93/hr**

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RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.
Child & Family Services

COMMUNITY RECOVERY SPECIALIST

20 hours per week

Assist consumers who experience chronic psychiatric symptoms transitioning into their community, nurturing and building community relationships and taking an active role in their treatment. Candidate should possess the ability to develop and lead recovery focused groups. Excellent written and verbal skills, flexibility, the ability to work well in a team environment, and demonstrated ability to work with this population is required. Afternoons, evenings, and overnights. Weekends a must. High school diploma.

Please send resume to:

Rutland Mental Health Services
Human Resources EOE
PO Box 222
Rutland, VT 05702

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WINOOSKI SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BUS AIDE — (Anticipated) Work on school bus during noon run (10:45-12) to monitor student behavior.

Send letter of application, resume and three references to:

Bruce Chattman, Superintendent of Schools
60 Normand St. Winooski, VT 05404
(802) 655-0485, www.winooski.k12.vt.us

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If you are interested in becoming part of our team please apply to:

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Essex High School

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TTY: 1-800-887-5506

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RA 9000

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Spectrum Youth
& Family Services
ATTN: SC
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Burlington, VT 05401
scorkum@spectrumvt.org

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Full-time position, 12-month

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Please submit letter of interest and resume to:

Tim Beauregard, Facilities Supervisor
9505 Williston Road, Williston, VT 05495
Fax: 802-434-6918 • Email: tbeauregard@pineridgeschool.com

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HOWARD CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

TEMPORARY COMMUNITY SUPPORT CLINICIAN

Full-time position available to support persons with psychiatric disabilities in Chittenden County. Work as part of a multi-disciplinary team providing creative problem solving, advocacy, resource development, case management, counseling and crisis support. Direct services to clients, families and the community. BA or Master's degree in human services field and experience with persons with serious and persistent mental disorders preferred. This is not an entry level position.

SEE HCHS WEBSITE FOR DETAILS:
http://www.howardcenter.org/Jobs

Please submit resumes to:

Terrence Hayden, LICSW
Howard Center for Human Services
300 Flynn Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401

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EEO/TTY

Project Administrative Assistant

Plans and coordinates project scheduling, recruitment, budgeting, making logistical arrangements and administrative tasks. Takes meeting minutes and performs follow up tasks. Assists in the development of presentation and support materials. Bachelor's degree in marketing, business or related field and 2 years project support or combination experience required. Proficiency in MS Office Suite and PowerPoint essential. Working knowledge of MS Project and VISIO software a plus. Work is in a fast paced, professional environment with very friendly policies. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience. This is expected to be a 30-hour per week position.

Please send cover letter and resume to:

COPE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Mark Heyman, Cope & Associates, Inc.
156 College Street, Burlington, VT 05401
Or to: Cope@ConsultCope.com

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Looking for experienced individual to help lead our growing & expanding restaurant and banquet operations. 3-5 years minimum experience in restaurant, bar & banquet management.

Our successful candidate will have proven leadership skills and abilities in all areas of food & beverage service. We offer a full benefits package.

Resumes can be faxed/sent in confidence to:

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Essex High School

MAINSTREAM TEACHING ASSISTANT

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CVS
Champlain Vocational Services, Inc.

Interested in opening your home to an innovative care program? Do you have most weekends available?

We are looking for a couple to provide both scheduled and occasional emergent care to individuals with disabilities. Ideal couple will have background in the field, and at least one, preferably two, available bedrooms. Medical/nursing experience a plus. Compensation, training, handicap alterations to the home, and ongoing supervision is provided. Interested parties should send a letter of interest and/or resume to:

Randy Sightler
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DR® POWER EQUIPMENT
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jobs@DRpower.com
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Financial and Administrative Assistant

Financial duties include AR/AP, payroll, financial statements, budget reconciliations, and deposits. Administrative duties include website maintenance, VT History Expo, Vermont History Day, and assistance as needed to departments. Qualifications: [illegible] accounting and organization [illegible] skills, [illegible] and good [illegible] skills. Knowledge of fund accounting and nonprofits a plus. [illegible] $22,000, comprehensive benefits. Applications accepted until position is filled.

Send cover letter & resume to:

Financial and Administrative Search
Vermont Historical Society
60 Washington St., Barre, VT 05641
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MSW-Adult Home Care

The VNA has a benefited, 22.5 hour per week position for an experienced Social Worker! The ideal candidate will have strong counseling skills, as well as knowledge of community resources for elders, adults with disabilities and their families. Most interventions are short-term with the goal of crisis prevention and elimination – focus on home health care management. VT licensure or eligibility for licensure is needed — licensure supervision is provided. The ability to independently manage a caseload while working as part of a dynamic interdisciplinary team is also required.

Interested candidates can send resume with cover letter referencing this position to:

VNA, Attn HR, 1110 Prim Rd, Colchester, VT 05446
or apply online at www.vna-vermont.org

Qualified Lunch Chef

Duties include prep, organization of small catering jobs, saute and grill skills. Also available some evening shifts. Email resume to:

lavilla90@yahoo.com or apply in person at:
3762 Shelburne Rd., Tenneybrook Sq., Shelburne

Lincoln Inn

LINE COOK

We are actively seeking a professional and responsible person to join our team. Experience is desired but not required!

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RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Child & Family Services

SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES - CLINICAL SUPERVISOR

40-hour position · Master's degree

Provide clinical supervision for a countywide team of school-based service providers (Clinicians, Case Managers and Behavioral Interventionists). Responsibilities include both direct service as well as administrative and clinical supervision. Must be a team player and demonstrate a commitment to interagency collaboration. Supervisory experience and license required.

SCHOOL-BASED CLINICIAN

40-hour position · Master's degree

Self-motivated individual who works well with children, families and school professionals. Provide individual and family counseling to students (K-8) in a rural, school-based setting. Clinical experience in school, home and community-based settings preferred.

Rutland Mental Health Services
Human Resources
PO Box 222
Rutland, VT 05702 EOE

BOOKKEEPER

VHCB is seeking a full-time bookkeeper to assist the organization's finance team in all aspects of bookkeeping within a fund accounting/grant oriented environment. This individual will have responsibility for processing the Board's transactions relating to accounts payable, payroll, project and operating disbursements, and various other transactions of the organization. The bookkeeper will assist the finance team in the preparation of monthly financial statements, annual budget, and year-end audit.

Qualifications include minimum three to five years well rounded experience in all aspects of bookkeeping, including payroll processing, knowledge/experience with non-profit and/or governmental fund accounting preferred, proficiency in accounting software, spreadsheet applications, and word-processing programs. Attention to detail, concern for accuracy, good communication skills and a sense of humor are essential characteristics; ability to work well with others as part of a team, a priority. **EOE.** Please send resume and cover letter to: Laurie Graves, VHCB, 149 State Street, Montpelier VT 05602 by February 21st. The job description is posted at www.vhcb.org under "Employment" or call 928-3250 to request a copy by mail.

Vermont Housing & Conservation Board

Center for Technology, Essex

COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

Classroom Teaching Assistant

Our Center for Technology, Essex, is seeking a full time computer system tech teaching assistant for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year. Experience repairing, installing and networking computers preferred. Qualified candidate will have good technical skills. Minimum of an Associate's degree or 48 credit hours required. Pays $10.88/hour. 5.5 hours/day. Excellent benefit package available.

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HOWARD CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

COMMUNITY SUPPORT CLINICIAN

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http://www.howardcenter.org/Jobs

Please submit resumes to:

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COMMUNITY-BASED CASE MANAGER

Seeking a recovery-oriented mental health clinician to provide case management services to persons with serious mental illness. This is an outreach-based position that includes counseling, service coordination, skills teaching, and advocacy. We are interested in hiring a client centered, enthusiastic clinician with a good sense of humor and an interest in working with women with trauma issues. Bachelor's or Master's degree in related field with a minimum of one-year experience working with persons with mental illness. Supervision toward mental health licensure provided.

WCMHS, Personnel
PO Box 647, Montpelier, VT 05601
Contact: (802) 229-0591 • Fax: (802) 223-8623
personnel@wcmhs.org • www.wcmhs.org EOE

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Operations Team Member

Have you always wanted to be the banana in a fruit basket? We need someone to work with our lively team to create, launch and maintain e-commerce sites for clients. You would need to be functional in Excel and have some experience with SQL and HTML. Submit cover letter and resume to jobs@mywebgrocer.com

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VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS

Exciting new Vermont nonprofit offers Volunteer Board Members great opportunity without pay to help our staff develop a new summer camp for kids with special needs.

Contact:
treehouse54@yahoo.com
http://www.thetreehousecamp.org
Attn: John Grillo
Box 1483
Morrisville, VT 05661
802-888-7259

RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Child & Family Services

Our Family Focus Program is an innovative program that is a collaborative effort between Rutland Mental Health Services and Vermont Achievement Center. It provides crisis intervention, short-term family stabilization services and respite for all new clients. The following positions are full-time (37.5 hours) and provide competitive salary and benefits including health/dental insurance and 401K.

FAMILY FOCUS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

We are seeking a dynamic, detail-oriented individual with strong leadership qualities, excellent communication skills and previous clinical supervisory experience to lead an interdisciplinary team of 12-14 staff. Responsibilities include administrative and clinical supervision, budgeting, some direct service, serving as a resource for families and the community and participation in larger agency management functions. Must be a team player and demonstrate a commitment to interagency collaboration. Master's degree and license required. Three to five years supervisory experience preferred.

Please send resume to:

Rutland Mental Health Services
Human Resources
PO Box 222
Rutland, VT 05702 EOE

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

We are looking for an individual to take the lead in our Marketing efforts. Responsibilities include planning, organizing and directing all marketing activities. Our Director of Marketing ensures that departmental initiatives fully support our organization's overall business objectives. Areas of responsibility include the following: market research and strategy, product development, advertising and promotional activities.

Qualified candidates will have a Bachelor's degree and at least 5-7 years experience in Marketing. A graduate degree is a plus. Financial services background is a plus. Resume should demonstrate candidate's ability to succeed in jobs of increasing responsibility. Strong organizational, leadership and analytical skills necessary. Excellent written and verbal communications skills are imperative. Must have a team orientation and the ability to effectively work with all levels of the company and with outside consultants and vendors.

We offer a professional and challenging work environment. The successful candidate will receive very competitive pay and excellent benefits.

Interested applicants should submit resume and salary requirements to:

Northfield Savings Bank
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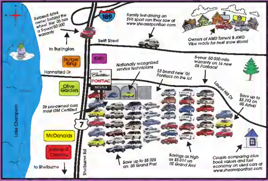

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